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Please see the attached Request for Waiver of Competitive Procurement for Three (3) Youth Program Elements to Ensure Continuity of Youth Services, revised as of 4/27/2011.

Public Comment may be submitted in writing to the SETC at:

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State of New Jersey

Request for Waiver of Competitive Procurement for Three (3) Youth Program Elements to Ensure Continuity of Youth Services.

Identify the statutory or regulatory requirements for which a waiver is requested and the goals that the State or local area, as appropriate, intends to achieve as a result of the waiver and how these goals related to the Strategic Plan goals:

Pursuant to Section 189 (i) (4) (B) and WIA Regulations 661.420 (c) New Jersey is requesting a waiver of the statutory and regulatory requirements at WIA Regulations Section 123, IDENTIFICATION OF ELIGIBLE PROVIDERS OF YOUTH ACTIVITIES, of the requirement for competitive procurement of service providers for the following three (3) youth program elements: supportive services, follow-up services, and work experience. The local boards, as per WIA requirements, have awarded grants or contracts on a competitive basis based upon the recommendations of the youth council and the criteria in the State plan, and conduct oversight with respect to the providers. These processes comply with OMB requirements codified in 29 CFR Parts 95.40-95.48 and 97.36.

Describe the actions that the State or local area, as appropriate, has undertaken to remove State or local statutory or regulatory barriers:

There are no existing State or local statutory or regulatory barriers to implementation of this waiver request.

Describe the goals of the waiver and the expected programmatic outcomes if the request is granted:

The goal of the waiver is to allow the grant recipient or One-Stop to provide these services directly rather than through a service provider that has been competitively procured. Under this waiver, the local workforce areas, with the consent and participation of and through the One-Stop Operator, would be allowed to waive the requirement for competitive procurement of service providers and directly provide the following three (3) youth program elements - supportive services, follow-up services, and work experience - in order to ensure continuity of youth services.

Describe the individuals affected by the waiver:

Individuals affected by this waiver are eligible Youth who are being appropriately served under WIA Title I in order to receive greater assistance via WIA-funded training and employment programs.

Describe the processes used to:

Monitor the progress in implementation of the waiver:

The process of acquiring valid data will be monitored by the State Employment and Training Commission (SETC) and the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development's (LWD) Division of Labor Planning and Analysis staff utilizing the SETC's and the LWD's existing monitoring procedures.

Provide notice to any Local Board affected by the waiver:

The local Workforce Investment Boards will have an opportunity to comment concerning the waiver request at the monthly scheduled meetings hosted by the State Employment and Training Commission.

Provide any local board affected by the waiver an opportunity to comment on the request:

The local Workforce Investment Boards will have an opportunity to comment concerning the waiver request at the monthly scheduled meeting hosted by the State Employment and Training Commission. This waiver request is being submitted a result of the suggestion of the local workforce areas.

Ensure meaningful public comment, including comment by business and organized labor on the waiver:

Business and labor are represented on the State Employment and Training Commission and the local Workforce Investment Boards. Information about the waiver request will be disseminated through these Boards to the necessary groups.