

## **FY 2007 Evaluation Operating Plan**

This report provides the Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration (ETA) Operating Plan for Evaluations for Fiscal Year (FY) 2007. The Evaluation funds are used for Program Year (PY) 2007, which began on July 1, 2007, and ends on June 30, 2008. The FY 2007 appropriation for this line item is \$4,921,000.

Investment decisions in PY 2007 will be guided by the following six priority areas in the Five-Year Pilot, Demonstration and Evaluation Strategic Plan for 2007-2012. It is important to note that the specific projects identified under each priority area will be planned for in accordance with the limited resources available in PY 2007. This plan covers new projects that will begin in PY 2007 as well as significant projects that will be continuing from prior years.

### 1) Integration of Workforce and Regional Economic Development

- Continue the Workforce Innovation in Regional Economic Development Initiative evaluation that began in PY 2006.
- Evaluate how Local Workforce Investment Areas manage their Workforce Investment Act (WIA) formula funds.

### 2) Methods of Expanding U.S. Workforce Skills

- Conduct a comprehensive evaluation of the Community-Based Job Training Grants Initiative.
- Continue evaluating the High Growth Job Training Initiative.

### 3) Increasing the Labor Market Participation of Underutilized Populations

- Evaluate the Senior Community Service Employment Program.
- Evaluate the Priority of Service Provision of the Jobs for Veterans Act to determine if the workforce investment system is providing priority of service to veterans.
- Evaluate the H-2A alien labor certification program.
- Evaluate select demonstration programs that target ex-offenders returning to their communities.

### 4) Using State-Level Administrative Data to Measure Progress and Outcomes

- Continue the evaluation component of the extended Individual Training Account experiment.
- Continue the evaluation of the Trade Adjustment Assistance program.
- Begin conducting a net-impact evaluation of the WIA Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth programs.

### 5) Post-Secondary Education and Job Training

- Continue evaluating the Limited English Proficient and Hispanic Worker Initiative demonstration grants.
- Continue evaluating the Career Advancement Accounts demonstration.
- Continue the Lifelong Learning Accounts evaluation.

### 6) Unemployment Insurance

- Continue evaluating the Reemployment Eligibility Assessment Initiative.