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**To:** Michigan Works! Agency (MWA) Directors

**From:** Brenda C. Njiwaji, Director, Bureau of Workforce Programs **SIGNED**

**Subject:** Implementation of the Veterans' Priority Provision of the Jobs for Veterans Act

**Programs Affected:** All Workforce Investment Act (WIA) and Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) Programs

**References:** Office of Workforce Development (OWD) PI 03-08, issued April 9, 2003  
OWD PI 03-43, issued December 29, 2003  
OWD PI 00-32, issued June 14, 2000, and subsequent changes  
OWD PI 02-19, issued May 23, 2002  
The WIA Act of 1998  
Jobs for Veterans Act (Pub. L.107-288)  
Workforce Programs PI 04-14, issued October 21, 2004

**Rescissions:** None

**Background:** The Jobs for Veterans Act of November 2, 2002, includes a provision to implement a veterans' priority stipulation in all United States Department of Labor funded workforce programs.

**Policy:** For the WIA and TAA programs, priority to veterans must be established in both programs for those participants who are veterans and otherwise meet the eligibility criteria. Veterans' priority does not change the requirement that participants must qualify as eligible under WIA and TAA, and does not change local ability to budget funding among Core, Intensive, Training, and Supportive Services in the WIA programs.

Under WIA, when an MWA has determined that a limitation in program funding exists, and priority of service must be provided to recipients of public assistance and other low-income individuals, veterans' priority must be applied by assessing a participant's status in regard to both being a veteran and a member of the targeted group. A participant meeting both the veterans' and the income priority would obtain the highest preference for the program. A non-veteran participant meeting the income priority would receive preference over a program eligible veteran not meeting the income priority.

**Action:** If not having already done so, MWAs shall implement local processes and procedures to ensure compliance to the Jobs for Veterans Act, and the associated veterans' priority stipulation for both the WIA and TAA programs.

**Inquiries:** Questions regarding this PI should be directed to your WIA or TAA state coordinator.

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