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To: Michigan Works! Agency (MWA) Directors

From: Stephanie Beckhorn, Director **SIGNED**
Office of Workforce Policy and Strategic Planning

Subject: Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Statewide Activities (SWA) Funding for Program Year (PY) 2014 (July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015) Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) - Michigan

Programs Affected: WIA Youth Programs Administered by MWAs

Rescissions: None

References: The WIA of 1998
The WIA Final Rule 20 CFR Part 652 et al.
WDA PI 12-29, issued March 5, 2013
WDA PI 12-19, issued October 15, 2012

Background: The WDA has identified \$800,000 in Appropriation Year 2013 WIA SWA funding to be awarded in support of the JAG - Michigan program for PY 2014. JAG - Michigan, a state affiliate of the national JAG program, is committed to helping Michigan resolve dropout and transition challenges by supporting new and expanding existing local programs that help young people greatest at risk in overcoming barriers to graduation from high school. The JAG Model consists of a comprehensive array of services designed to keep young people in school through graduation and improve the rate of success in achieving educational and career goals. JAG is in alignment with Governor Snyder's plan to reinvent Michigan by keeping our youth – our future – here and revitalizing our educational system. Additionally, the Governor's Talent Investment Board is in full support of the Michigan Strategic Fund-Workforce Development Agency's efforts to expand the presence of JAG programs in Michigan.



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Policy:

All participants served with this funding must be WIA eligible, enrolled youth.

JAG – Michigan is working to raise Michigan’s high school graduation rate by expanding mentoring, job readiness, leadership development, and other academic support for students either at-risk of dropping out or those who already have dropped out. The program’s core components include:

1. Classroom Instruction: A trained JAG Specialist provides individual and group instruction to approximately 25-45 students during the school day for elective course credit. The instructional piece can also be offered in an alternative setting and/or as part of out-of-school programming in a structured environment.
2. Competency-Based Curriculum: The specialist uses the JAG National curriculum to equip students with a minimum of 37 employability competencies and intensive career exploration/developmental opportunities.
3. Adult Mentoring/Advisement: Specialists provide individual attention to students to overcome barriers, serving as a “one stop connection” to help students complete high school and transition into post-secondary education and/or employment.
4. Summer Employment Training: Job placement is provided during summer months to support year-long learning.
5. Student-led Leadership Development: The JAG National Career Association provides opportunities for students to refine their leadership and team membership skills. Students are also actively engaged in service learning activities throughout the year.
6. Job and Post-Secondary Education Placement Services: Specialists identify entry-level job opportunities for graduates and assist graduates in the exploration of post-secondary education, including navigating applications and financial aid.
7. Follow-up Services: JAG includes 12 months of follow-up post-graduation. Specialists are actively involved in intensive one-on-one employer marketing and job development activities on behalf of students.

Examples of ‘at-risk of dropping out’ include students who:

- Are credit deficient
- Have repeated a class
- Maintain a GPA at or below a cumulative 1.5
- Score poorly on assessment tests
- Are often truant from school
- Are involved in the court system
- Are currently involved in gang activity, or are likely to join a gang as defined by local authorities

JAG – Michigan activities may also include recovery efforts focused on reengaging those not currently enrolled in education.

The ultimate goal is for participants to receive a high school diploma (or GED if a diploma is not feasible), secure a quality entry-level job in the workforce, pursue a postsecondary education, and/or seek career advancement opportunities.

The WDA will support a one-time award for JAG – Michigan in the amounts of:

- Up to \$70,000 for each of the 10 affiliates, as self-indicated to WDA prior to the set-aside of these funds, that have committed to leverage local funding on a minimum of a one to one ratio; and
- \$100,000 in support of program oversight for Berrien-Cass-Van Buren as the State's JAG national affiliate and license holder.

Each affiliate must leverage funding awarded in this policy with an equal or greater amount of local funding. If the total amount of funding prescribed for local affiliates is not leveraged as required by the individual local areas, the State will maintain the balance for other purposes.

The funding awarded in this policy issuance is intended to expand participant enrollment in JAG programs in Michigan, whether those programs are new or existing. Funding provided in this PI shall be used to support any JAG Model program application that serves WIA eligible youth. Information on alternate JAG Model program applications may be found at <http://www.jag.org/jag-model>.

Program Year 2014 third quarter expenditure reports will be reviewed to determine sufficient expenditure of funding awarded in this PI. Should expenditures not be satisfactory, as determined by the WDA, funding may be recaptured.

Unexpended funds as of June 30, 2015, will be recaptured by the WDASOM.

Administrative funding is limited to a maximum of five percent of the allocation.

Carry-forward of these funds will not be permitted.

Monitoring and Reporting Program Performance

- A. All JAG participants, regardless of funding source, must be entered into the One-Stop Management Information System (OSMIS). All WIA Youth reporting and performance requirements remain in effect. These participants are subject to Data Validation.

- B. Fiscal reporting of the funds awarded in this policy shall be independent from WIA Youth formula funding allocated for PY 2014. The funds awarded in this PI are to be identified by selecting the ‘Jobs for America’s Graduates (JAG)’ indicator on the Registration Screen of the One-Stop Management Information System.
- C. MWAs are required to identify and track participants that are served with JAG funding in the OSMIS. The WDA requires that all JAG participant information be reported in the OSMIS, including eligibility, goals, activities, status, outcome and follow-up information, as is done with traditional WIA Youth participants.

Instructions for enrolling and tracking JAG participants are outlined below.

- i. Enter the individual as a Youth in the WIA component of the OSMIS, completing all necessary data fields on the registration screen.
- ii. From the “WIA Registration” screen, specify the individual as a JAG participant by indicating “Yes” in the “Jobs for America’s Graduates (JAG)” box in the Special Initiative Indicator section.
- iii. From the “Funding Source/Program” screen:
 - 1. Select “Yes” for “Youth (Local) WIA” if the individual is funded all or in part with local youth formula funds. Selecting “Youth (Local) WIA” will include the participant in local performance.
 - 2. Select “Yes” for “Youth (Statewide (15%)) WIA” if the individual is funded all or in part with statewide formula funds. If “Youth (Statewide (15%)) WIA” is the only funding source selected, the participant will be included in statewide performance.
 - 3. Select “Other” from the “Other MWA Programs” field if the individual is funded all or in part with non-WIA (foundations, school districts, etc.) funds.

Performance Scenarios

- a) If “Other” is the only funding source selected, the individual will not be included in either local or statewide performance.
- b) If both “Other” and “Youth (Statewide (15%)) WIA” are selected, then the participant will be included in statewide performance.
- c) If both “Other” and “Youth (Local) WIA” are selected, then the participant will be included in local performance.

D. A final report is required. The submission of this report is due to the WDASOM no later than July 20, 2015.

The final report will include the following information:

1. A summary of the project implementation plan and any deviations from the original project as proposed.
2. Accomplishments and problems experienced while carrying out the project activities.
3. Impacts, anticipated and unanticipated, experienced as a result of the project implementation.
4. Financial expenditures of grant money and other contributions to the project, in-kind and/or direct funding.
5. Number of cumulative youth participants served. Please indicate new or existing.
6. Number of schools served. Please indicate new or existing.
7. Number of staff supported. Please indicate new or existing.
8. Two success stories accompanied with media release documentation, as described in WDA PI 13-09.

As a reminder, significant changes in local policy, including operating a JAG program, require a modification to a local area's Comprehensive Five-Year Local Plan, as provided under the WDA PI 12-19, issued October 15, 2012. Thus, JAG program implementation is to be incorporated into the Comprehensive Five-Year Youth Local Plan, and filed with the WDA within 90 days of implementation. If your MWA has not done so, please submit the modified plan to:

Ms. Krista Johnson, Manager
Workforce Investment Act Section
Office of Workforce Policy and Strategic Planning
Victor Office Building
201 North Washington Square, 5th Floor
Lansing, Michigan 48913

Action:

Affiliate agreements must be submitted to Berrien- Cass-Van Buren, with a carbon copy to the WDASOM, on or prior to September 5th, 2014, to confirm commitment to comply with this policy, including the minimum amount and ratio of leveraged funding, prior to the award of funding. Following receipt and signature of each MWA affiliate agreement, Berrien-Cass-Van Buren must submit a copy of each finalized document to the WDA.

MWA officials shall prepare a narrative detailing program implementation and planned outcomes, including additional students, schools, and specialists to be supported with this funding and a detailed description of leveraged funding, including source(s) and amount(s).

A WIA Budget Information Summary (BIS) and Approval Request Form with original signatures are also required.

The plan narrative and BIS are required to be submitted electronically to the WDASOM within 30 calendar days from the issue date of this policy issuance to Ms. Teresa Keyton at keytont@michigan.gov. Please copy your WIA state coordinator as well.

The required Approval Request Form, with original signatures for this plan, must be submitted within 30 days from the date of this policy issuance to:

Office of Workforce Policy and Strategic Planning
Workforce Development Agency, State of Michigan
Victor Office Center
201 North Washington Square, 5th Floor
Lansing, MI 48913

Cash Requests/Financial Reporting:

The MWAs will process all cash requests through the MARS in accordance with the MARS Manual. The MWAs must have on file appropriate documentation to support each cash draw.

All reporting of fiscal expenditures for the funds provided through this grant must be reported to the WDA on a quarterly basis. A final close-out report is also required. All quarterly financial expenditure reports are due to the WDA no later than the 20th calendar day after the end of the calendar quarter. The final close-out report is due to WDA no later than 60 days after the end of the grant period. In the event that the due date falls on a weekend or state government holiday, the report is due on the last business day prior to the 20th. Submit reports to the MARS system at: <http://www.michigan.deleg-mars.org/>. If there are any questions, please call Mr. Kerry Trierweiler at (517) 241-1788.

Leveraged Funding

As detailed earlier within the policy, each affiliate must leverage funding awarded in this policy with an equal or greater amount of local funding.

MWAs shall report the leveraged funding in MARS in the quarterly and closeout reports.

- i. Under “Main Menu” click on the “Reporting Expenditure” link ;
- ii. Locate the AY13 WIA SWA/JAG Expansion and proper reporting period; and
- iii. Click “Select” in the left column.

MWAs shall enter the amount of leveraged funding within the Non-Federal Funds Expended and/or Other Federal Funds Expended tabs. Each section must be filled out completely.

REMEMBER: You must click the “Save” button at the bottom of **each** of the completed forms before moving on to the next tab.

Review the report to confirm that all of the information you have entered is complete. If all information is complete, click the “Post” button at the bottom of the page. The WDASOM will utilize this information to confirm leverage funds at the local area.

Profit Limitations

Please refer to the WDASOM Procurement Policy, PI 12-29, issued March 5, 2013, or any policy replacing WDASOM PI 12-29, for further information regarding profit and corresponding limitations.

Inquiries: Questions regarding this policy issuance should be directed to your WIA state coordinator.

The information contained in this policy issuance will be made available in alternative format (large type, audio tape, etc.) upon special request to this office

**Expiration
Date:**

June 30, 2015

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Approval Request Form Instructions

1. Michigan Works! Agency (MWA): Enter the name of the MWA.
2. MWA Number: Enter the number assigned to the MWA.
3. Plan Title: Enter the appropriate title(s) for the plan being submitted.
4. Policy Issuance Number: Enter the Policy Issuance number that the form corresponds to, i.e., 14-01, 14-02, etc.
5. Plan Period: Identify the time period covered by the plan.

The required signatories are designated in accordance with the Michigan Department of Labor & Economic Growth/Bureau of Workforce Programs PI 07-13, issued August 29, 2007. Signatures are required from the Workforce Development Board Chair and the Chief Elected Official(s).

APPROVAL REQUEST

1. Michigan Works! Agency (MWA):	2. MWA Number:
3. Plan Title(s): PY 2014 JAG - Michigan Funding	
4. Policy Issuance Number: 14-XX	6. Plan Period: July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015

THE CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIAL (S) AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD (WDB)
HEREBY REQUEST APPROVAL OF THIS DOCUMENT

Authorized Chief Elected Official	Date
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Authorized Chief Elected Official	Date
WDB Chairperson	Date

BWT-344 (5/09)

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Budget Information Summary (BIS) Instructions

Section I - Identification Information

1. Michigan Works! Agency (MWA): Enter the name of the MWA.
2. MWA Number: Enter the number assigned to the MWA.
3. Policy Issuance Number: Enter the Policy Issuance number that the Budget Information Summary covers.
4. Plan Period: Enter the start and end dates of the plan period, i.e., 07/01/14 to 06/30/15.
5. Grant Name: Enter the name of the grant associated with the funding being awarded.
6. Project Name: Enter the name of the project associated with the funding being awarded.

Section II - Total Funds Available

1. Appropriation Year (AY) Funding
 - a. Enter the current AY allocated funding.
 - b. Enter amount transferred in from another program, if any, and indicate which program the amount came from.
 - c. Enter amount transferred out to another program, if any, and indicate which program the amount was transferred to.
 - d. Enter the sum of lines 1a, 1b, and 1c to show the total allocation.

Section III - Current AY Planned Expenditures by Cost Category

1. Administration: Enter amount of allocation planned for administration.
2. Program: Enter amount of allocation planned for program costs.

If Youth:
 - a. Enter amount of allocation planned for in-school youth.
 - b. Enter amount of allocation planned for out-of-school youth

BUDGET INFORMATION SUMMARY

SECTION I – IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION

1. Michigan Works! Agency (MWA) Name:		2. MWA Number:	
3. Policy Issuance Number: 14-XX		4. Plan Period: July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015	
7. Grant Name: AY 13 WIA Statewide Activities		6. Project Name: PY 2014 JAG - Michigan	

SECTION II – TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE

Allocation	Amounts
1. Appropriation Year (AY) Funding	
a. Current AY Funding	\$
b. Transfer in from: Adult [] Dislocated Worker []	\$
c. Transfer out to: Adult [] Dislocated Worker []	\$
d. Total Current AY funding	\$

SECTION III - CURRENT AY PLANNED EXPENDITURES BY COST CATEGORY

Cost Category	Amounts
1. Administration	\$
2. Program	\$
If Youth, complete a and b	
a. Program Funding Amount for In-School Youth	\$
b. Program Funding Amount for Out-of-School Youth	\$

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JAG - Michigan

PY 2014
(July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015)

Michigan Works! Agency	Allocations * (\$)
ACSET	70,000
Berrien/Cass/Van Buren	170,000
Barry-Branch-Calhoun	
Detroit Emp Solutions	70,000
Eastern U.P.	
Genesee/Shiawassee	70,000
Great Lakes Bay	
The Job Force	70,000
Kalamazoo-St. Joseph	70,000
Livingston County	
Macomb/St. Clair	
Muskegon County	70,000
Northeast	70,000
Northwest	70,000
Oakland County	
Ottawa County	
SEMCA	
South Central	
Thumb Area	
Washtenaw County	70,000
West Central	
Western U.P.	
Total	800,000

*Allocations require local leveraged funds consistent with the policy.