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Bureau of Workforce Investment
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TO : ALL CAREERLINK MANAGERS
ALL BECS MANAGERS
ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS

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SUBJECT : Clarification of Federal Interpretation of
Reasonable Cost of Training and Transportation Payments
For the TAA/NAFTA –TAA Programs

INQUIRIES : If you have questions concerning this issuance, please direct
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1. Purpose. To provide information received by the United States Department of Labor (DOL) specific to the TAA/NAFTA-TAA Programs relating to transportation payments under these programs.
2. Reference. Training and Employment Guidance Letter No. 5-01 dated September 28, 2001; Trade Act of 1974, as amended; 20 CFR Part 617.
3. Discussion. DOL's Employment and Training Administration has issued a clarification on its interpretation of federal regulations governing how transportation payments are to be made under TAA/NAFTA-TAA programs and re-emphasizing that training be available at reasonable cost. As the agent of DOL for the Trade Act Programs, the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry (Department) will fully implement DOL's interpretation of travel payments for those students whose approved training facility is outside the student's commuting area, as discussed in Section 5 of TEGL 5-01 (which is attached). The Department will also implement DOL's interpretation of reasonable costs, as listed in Section 4 of TEGL 5-01, that computation of a transportation payment is

an important part of the determination of whether a particular training program is available at a reasonable cost.

4. Action Required. All Managers/Regional Directors should make staff involved with the TAA/NAFTA-TAA program aware of TEGL No. 5-01. Effective immediately, the Department will comply with the guidelines set forth by this TEGL on how the amount of travel payment is to be determined and as to the reasonable cost of training when transportation payments may be involved. Additional details regarding the implementation of these new instructions from DOL will be provided to field offices in the near future.
5. Attachments. TEGL No. 5-01.
6. Expiration Date. Continuing.