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Topic: Health and Human Services (HHS) Poverty Guidelines 2006 and the Department of Labor (DOL) Lower Living Standard Income Levels (LLSIL).

Subject: Notice of determination of income guidelines for persons defined as “low income individuals.”

Purpose: To provide Local Workforce Investment Areas (LWIAs) with an income guideline table containing calculated poverty levels provided by HHS and Metro and Non-Metro LLSIL for the Southern region.

Background: The Workforce Investment Act (WIA) of 1998 (Public Law 105-220) defines the term “Low Income Individual” as one who qualifies under various criteria, including an individual who received income for a six-month period that does not exceed the higher of the poverty line or 70 percent of the LLSIL. Attached is a table containing the annual LLSIL for 2006 and the HHS poverty guidelines. The LLSIL is used for several purposes under WIA: specifically, WIA section 101(25) defines the term “low income individual” for eligibility purposes, sections 127(b)(2)(C) and 132 (b)(1)(IV) defines the terms “disadvantaged adult,” and “disadvantaged youth” in terms for the poverty line of LLSIL for purposes of state allotments. The HHS 2006 poverty guidelines may be found on the Internet at <http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/06fedreg.htm>. The 2006 LLSIL is available on the Federal Register (Vol. 71, No. 105) web site at <http://www.archives.gov/federal-register/index.html>.

Instructions: A table is attached with the HHS poverty guidelines and 70 percent Metro and Non-Metro LLSIL. To use this table, compare the poverty level for the family size against either the Metro or Non-Metro LLSIL, depending on the county of residence, using the higher of the two in order to qualify the participant as disadvantaged under WIA. If the LWIA has reached limited funding the area will utilize this table to determine eligibility under the priority system (see E&T policy 00-11).

Contact: For questions regarding this policy contact Dan Holton, WIA Performance Coordinator, Employment and Workforce Development, at (615) 741-5326.

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