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STATE INSTRUCTION NUMBER 14-06

To:

WED Area Directors

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Subject:

Increase in the Trade Adjustment Assistance

Federal Mileage Reimbursement

Issuance Date:

February 2, 2015

Effective Date:

February 8, 2015

<u>Purpose</u>: This State policy increases the federal mileage reimbursement rate pursuant to transportation allowances, subsistence, job search allowances, and relocation allowances under the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) Program.

<u>Background</u>: The TAA Program allows for payment of transportation or subsistence payments to attend training, out-of-area job search allowances, and job relocation allowances when the travel is outside of a participant's commuting area.

<u>Policy:</u> Effective for the claim week beginning on Sunday, February 8, 2015 and forward, the federal mileage reimbursement rate under the TAA Program increases from 56 cents to 57.5 cents per mile.

All TAA participants who are applying for or are already participating in TAA-approved training on or after February 8, 2015, will be reimbursed according to this rate. All new job search allowance and relocation allowance applications received on or after February 8, 2015, will be reimbursed according to this rate.

Action: TAA Workforce Specialists are responsible for the implementation of this Trade Adjustment Assistance policy. Specifically, revised TAA Transportation Applications for all participants in training must be completed no later than Friday, February 20, 2015.

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