

ALABAMA WORKFORCE INVESTMENT SYSTEM

Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs
Workforce Development Division
401 Adams Avenue
Post Office Box 5690
Montgomery, Alabama 36103-5690



November 22, 2002

GOVERNOR'S WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT DIRECTIVE NO. PY2002 - 12

SUBJECT: Priority of Service for Veterans in Department of Labor Job Training Programs

1. **Purpose:** This transmits Public Law 107-288, the Jobs for Veterans Act
2. **Discussion:** Attached is the **Jobs for Veterans Act**. This legislation, signed into law by President Bush on November 7, 2002, establishes that veterans, and the spouses of veterans will receive priority consideration over nonveterans with regard to selection for participation in U.S. Department of Labor-funded employment and training programs.

Such programs include "...any such program or service under the public employment service system, one-stop career centers, the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, a demonstration or other temporary program, and those programs implemented by State or local service providers based on Federal block grants administered by the Department of Labor..."

Further, "...the term 'priority of service' means, with respect to any qualified job training program, that a covered person shall be given priority over nonveterans of the receipt of employment, training, and placement services provided under that program, notwithstanding any other provision of law...."

3. **Action:** State and substate-level entities administering USDOL-funded employment and training programs shall:
 - a.) provide information regarding available services and other available benefits and priority selection consideration for such services to covered persons, that is, veterans and the spouses of veterans; and

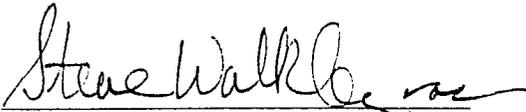
Bill Hornsby
State Programs/
Divisional Budget Management

GOVERNOR'S WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT DIRECTIVE NO. PY2002- 12

November 22, 2002

Page Two

- b.) ensure that each covered person, i.e., veterans and the spouses of veterans, is informed of the employment-related rights and benefits to which that person is entitled.
4. **Contact.** Questions regarding this information may be directed to the USDOL Regional Office.



Steve Walkly, Director
Workforce Development Division

Attachment