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Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2016 6:32 PM  
To: DOL\_DET\_WIOA\_Helpdesk  
Subject: RE: Delaware WIOA State Plan Comment Period

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Delaware WIOA State Plan. I am commenting regarding the farmworker component of the state plan and would like to offer the following comments:

Pg. 58: Telamon Corporation, the National Farmworker Jobs Program, Sect. 167 of WIOA provides extensive outreach to the farmworkers in Delaware, especially in Sussex and Kent Counties. We would like to partner our outreach efforts with Delaware's SMA and would be amenable to the establishment of an MOU to share outreach efforts. For example, of those 484 MSFW's that are reported to receive

Labor Exchange Services statewide via W-P services who are interested in employment and training services, they could be referred to the Sect. 167 grantee for eligibility determination and training services. Any who are enrolled could be dual-enrolled with an MOU describing the shared resources allocated to the farmworker. Additionally, the outreach efforts that the Sect. 167 grantee provides could be shared with the SMA for calculation of total farmworkers outreached to under (2)(B)(ii) who are the number of farmworkers contacted by other agencies via cooperative agreements.

Page 59. (3)(A) specifically mentions coordinating outreach efforts with WIOA Title 1 Section 167 grantees. Telamon Corporation is the current grantee for WIOA Title I Section 167 in Delaware. We are physically located at 517 Bridgeville Hwy, Seaford, DE 19973, but provide outreach throughout Delaware with our highly mobile staff. The statement, "Telamon provides onsite supportive services, health information and information on available medical services to MSFW's" is not entirely accurate since it leaves out our main focus as the Sect. 167 grantee providing Employment and Training services targeted to farmworkers. We do provide supportive services including referrals to other community agencies, especially migrant service providers.

We would like to see a stronger coordination between the state's efforts and our efforts to assure that farmworkers in Delaware, who are interested in employment and job training services, are cross-referred. Should there be an opportunity to provide cross-training to staff, we would welcome the opportunity as well as to discuss potential efforts for additional partnering. We

recently met with our FPO, Jake Blanch, and the regions' SMA FPO, Laura Tremontana who both seem to be very interested in a much stronger partnership between our respective agencies. We would like to facilitate this as well.

The SMA and Telamon meets several times a year and communicate via email and phone should occasions arise with farmworkers. We would like to strengthen this partnership and integrate it more fully.

Telamon would like to partner with the One Stop more fully to assure that our targeted Section 167 services are offered and available to eligible farmworkers referred to and through the One Stop. One step in our process involves enrolling all of our customers in Delaware with Delaware Job Link. We would like to work toward a referral system where customers who identify in Delaware Job Link as having done any farm work in the past 24 months are referred to the Sect. 167 grantee for eligibility determination. In cases where dual enrollment are possible, we would like to establish an MOU sharing the customer's information outcomes to both agencies.

Page. 62 (5)(B) Review and Public Comment of Agricultural Outreach Plan: The Section 167 grantee would like to be notified when the AOP is available for public comment and to be afforded an opportunity at the same time as the SMA to review.

If you have any questions or would like any additional information or comments, please don't hesitate to reach out at your convenience. I look forward to hearing from you and seeing how we can strengthen our efforts together to serve MSFW's in Delaware.

Sincerely,

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Subject: RE: Delaware WIOA State Plan Comment Period

Hi Jennifer,

The DE WIOA Combined Plan continues to be posted for public comment until January 26, 2016. The plan is available at <http://wib.delawareworks.com/wioa.php>.

Thank you,

Lori Reeder

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Good afternoon. I am writing to see when the public comment period closes for the DE WIOA State Plan.

Thank you,

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