WIA funding to Local Workforce Investment Areas Program Year 2015 and Changes from Program Year 2014

WIOA Adult and Youth Funding

Total Adult (+\$82,611 or 0.16%) and total Youth (+ \$116,559 or 0.22%) allocations to New York State were nearly unchanged from PY14 to PY15. The overwhelming majority of Local Workforce Investment Areas (LWIAs) saw decreased shares and dollar amounts in their allocations for these 2 programs compared to PY14, as New York City's share of both ASU* unemployment and excess** unemployment expanded, compared to the rest of the state. (Note: shares of economically disadvantaged factor remain unchanged for all LWIAs in PY 15 from PY 14 as the 2010 economically disadvantaged factor will continue to be used.)

<u>Adult Program</u> As a result of relative decreased unemployment, 14 LWIAs are at hold-harmless*** level in PY 15, compared to none in PY14 for Adult funding.

Only New York City (4.3562 percentage points) and the Jefferson Lewis LWIA (.0079 percentage point) saw increases in their share of Adult funding over the year, while the following LWIAs saw the largest decreases in share:

- Suffolk (-.5244 percentage point)
- Erie (-.3796 percentage point)
- Putnam/Westchester Balance (-.3547 percentage point)
- Hempstead/Long Beach (-.3422 percentage point)

Youth Program Twelve LWIAs are at hold-harmless*** level in PY 15, compared to none in PY14 for Youth funding. Only New York City (4.4751 percentage points) and the Jefferson Lewis LWIA (.0092 percentage point) saw increases in their share of Youth funding over the year, while the following LWIAs saw the largest decreases in share:

- Suffolk (-.5109 percentage point)
- Erie (-.3751 percentage point)
- Putnam/Westchester Balance (-.3539 percentage point)
- Hempstead/Long Beach (-.3448 percentage point)
- Albany/Rensselaer/Schenectady (-.3100 percentage point)

WIOA Dislocated Worker (DLW) Funding

Statewide funding for the DLW program rose by almost 2.5 percent from PY 14 to PY 15. Just under half (15) of the LWIAs saw small increases in their shares of Dislocated Worker (DLW) funding, with largest occurring in Erie (+.2001 percentage point), as their share of the long-term unemployed factor increased from PY 14 to PY 15. The next largest share increases (more than .1 percentage point) occurred in:

- Monroe County (+.1307)
- Herkimer/Madison Oneida (+.1099)
- Niagara (+.1074)
- Chemung/Schuyler/Steuben (+.1074)

The remaining 18 LWIAs registered small declines in their shares of DLW funds from PY 14 to PY 15, with the largest occurring in the three Long Island LWIAs:

- Suffolk (-.3818 percentage point)
- Hempstead/Long Beach (-.2500 percentage point)
- Oyster Bay (-.1674 percentage point)

^{*}An ASU or area of substantial unemployment has an unemployment rate higher than 6.5%.

^{**}Excess unemployment is the number of unemployed in excess of 4.5% of the labor force.

^{***}Hold harmless is defined as 90% of an LWIA's **share** of the average allocations for the previous 2 program years (in this case, PY13 and PY14).