## TULARE COUNTY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD, INC.

## WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT TITLE I-B ACTIVITIES

DATE:

May 10, 2002

SUBJECT:

2002 70 Percent LLSIL and 2002

**Poverty Guidelines** 

#### TCWIB DIRECTIVE

TCWIBD-01-14

TO:

TCWIB Service Providers and TCWID Staff

**SUBJECT:** 

2002 70 Percent LLSIL (Lower Living Standard Income Level) and 2002 Poverty Guidelines

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Under Title I of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (Public Law 105-220), the Secretary of Labor annually determines the Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL) for uses described in the Law. WIA 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 lower living level. This issuance provides the Secretary's annual LLSIL for 2002 and references the current 2002 Health and Human Services "Poverty Guidelines".

## Scope:

The LLSIL and Poverty Guidelines are used to establish low-income status for Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Title I programs. This directive requires that all subrecipients expending WIA funds shall comply with federal and state procurement regulations and policies.

## **Effective Date:**

This directive is effective May 10, 2002.

### References:

- WIA Sections 101(24), 127(b)(2)(C), 132(b)(1)(B)(iv)(IV), and 134(d)(3)(A)(ii)
- Federal Register, Volume 67, Number 67, WIA; LLSIL (April 18, 2002)
- Federal Register, Volume 67, Number 31, Annual Update of the HHS Poverty Guidelines (February 14, 2002)

# TULARE COUNTY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD, INC. (TCWIB) – IMPOSED REQUIREMENTS:

The contents of this directive contain no TCWIB-imposed requirements.

#### **FILING INSTRUCTIONS:**

Retain this directive until further notice.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The WIA Section 101(24) provides for the use of one of two sets of data to establish whether an individual is a low-income individual. The measure used is the highest of either 70 percent of the LLSIL, determined by the Secretary of Labor, or the Poverty Guidelines, published by HHS. The WIA requires annual revisions to both sets of data.

All Local Workforce Investment Areas (Local Area) use the same Poverty Guidelines. However, the LLSIL identifies maximum qualifying income levels for residents in either of two broad geographic designations: metropolitan and nonmetropolitan areas. Metropolitan levels apply to residents living within Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA) as defined by the Office of management and Budget. Nonmetropolitan levels apply to places with populations under 50,000. In addition to the broad metropolitan and non metropolitan areas, the Department of Labor identifies there MSAs in California that have unique LLSILs: the San Diego MSA, the Los Angeles/Riverside/Orange County MSA and the San Francisco/Oakland/San Jose MSA.

### **POLICY AND PROCEDURES:**

1. Use the higher of either the LLSIL or the Poverty Guidelines, for the appropriate family size, to determine low-income status. A comparison of the applicant's actual family income during the six-month income determination period with the six-month figures on the chart enables the reviewer to immediately determine income status. (See the Table Below)

LWIAs	Fresno Golden Sierra Kern/Inyo/Mono Merced		Monterey NoRTEC North Central		Sacramento San Joaquin Santa Barbara		Stanislaus Tulare Yolo
Family Size							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	Each Add'l add
70% LLS	IL						
Annual	\$7,820	\$12,810	\$17,580	\$21,700	\$25,610	\$29,950	\$4,340
6 Months	\$3,910	\$6,405	\$8,790	\$10,850	\$12,805	\$14,975	\$2,170
100%	\$11,160	\$18,290	\$25,110	\$30,990	\$36,570	\$42,770	\$6,200
Poverty Guidelines							
Annual	\$8,860	\$11,940	\$15,020	\$18,100	\$21,180	\$24,260	\$3,080
6 Months	\$4,430	\$5,970	\$7,510	\$9,050	\$10,590	\$12,130	\$1,540

## **ACTION:**

Bring this directive to the attention of all affected staff and service providers.

# **INQUIRIES:**

Please direct inquiries about this directive to the Tulare County Workforce Investment Department (TCWID), at (559) 713-5200, or 1-800-367-8742.

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