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LOWER SAVANNAH INSTRUCTION NUMBER: PY15-004
DISTRIBUTION LIST: See below
ISSUANCE DATE: December 1, 2015
EFFECTIVE DATE: **IMMEDIATELY**
SUBJECT: **PRIORITY OF SERVICES POLICY**

PURPOSE: The purpose of this Instruction is to transmit the Lower Savannah Workforce Board's Priority of Services for Adults who are eligible for the WIOA program in the Lower Savannah Workforce area and inform the Lower Savannah's Workforce Investment Area's (LSWIA) sub-recipient organizations and staff members.

POLICY: **THIS POLICY IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**. The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Is designed to help job seekers access employment, education, training, and support services to succeed in the labor market and to match employers with the skilled workers they need to compete in the global economy. Under WIOA, priority must be provided regardless of the level of funds.

REFERENCES: Section 134(cX3)(E) of WIOA establishes a priority requirement with respect to funds allocated to a local area for adult employment and training activities. Under this section, one-stop center staff responsible for these funds must give priority to recipients of public assistance, other low-income individuals, and individuals who are basic skills deficient in the provision of individualized career services, discussed in Section 4 of this TEGL, and training services, discussed in Section 7. (TEGL 3-15) Under WIOA, priority must be provided regardless of the level of funds.

Veterans and eligible spouses continue to receive priority of service for all DOL-funded job training programs, which Include WIOA programs. However, as described in TEGL 10-09, when programs are statutorily required to provide priority for a particular group of individuals, such as the WIOA priority described above, priority must be provided in the following order:

1. to veterans and eligible spouses who are also included in the groups given statutory priority for WIOA adult formula funds. This means that veterans and eligible spouses who are also recipients of public assistance, other low-income Individuals, or individuals who are basic skills deficient would receive first priority for services provided with WIOA adult formula funds.

2. to non-covered persons (that is, individuals who are not veterans or eligible spouses) who are Included In the groups given priority for WIOA adult formula funds.

An Equal Opportunity Employer/Program. Auxiliary aids and services are available to individuals with disabilities upon request.

3. to veterans and eligible spouses who are not included in WIOA's priority groups.

4. to non-covered persons outside the groups given priority under WIOA.

Occupational Skills training will be given to those customers who fall under the Priority of Services in the WIOA program. OJT will be available to all eligible customers. However, priority will be given to those who fall under the priority of service In the WIOA program. Under WIOA, there is no minimum score requirement for the TABE assessment.

ACTION: All applicable Lower Savannah Workforce Investment Area (LSWIA) sub-recipients, contractors, service providers, one-stop workforce/career center operators, and other applicable organizational elements will implement and comply with these instructions, as well as any related instructions contained in applicable contractual agreements.

Please copy and distribute this information appropriately within your agency.

INQUIRIES: Direct all inquiries regarding this Instruction to the Lower Savannah Council of Governments' Workforce Development Staff, Lower Savannah Council of Governments, Post Office Box 850, Aiken, South Carolina 29802-0850, telephone 803-649-7981, fax 803-649-2248, or e-mail abanderson@lscog.org.

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