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LSWIA TAA INSTRUCTION NUMBER: 08-01

TO: See Distribution Below
ISSUANCE DATE: November 5, 2007
EFFECTIVE DATE: OCTOBER 15, 2007
EXPIRATION DATE: Indefinite
SUBJECT: DEFINITION OF COMMUTING AREA

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Instruction is to issue State policy concerning the definition of commuting area pursuant to transportation allowances, subsistence, job search allowances, and relocation allowances under the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) Program.

BACKGROUND:

The TAA Program allows for payment of transportation or subsistence payments to attend training, out-of-the area job search allowances, and job relocation allowances when the travel is outside a participant's commuting area.

POLICY:

Effective **OCTOBER 15, 2007**, the definition of "commuting area" will be fifty (50) miles one way from the participant's residence. All TAA training approved for new participants on or after October 15, 2007, must comply with this "commuting area" definition for receipt of transportation or subsistence payments. TAA participants co-enrolled in WIA may receive transportation assistance through WIA funds per LWIA supportive services policies. All TAA participants applying for job search or relocation allowances on or after October 15, 2007 must also comply with this "commuting area" definition.

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 on this Instruction to the Lower Savannah WIA 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 **bfloyd@lscog.org** or **sjordan@lscog.org**.

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