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FOR JAMES, JR.
Governor

State of Alabama
Department of Human Resources

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Tony Petelos
Commissioner

February 5, 1999

Crayton Lankford, Acting Regional Director
Food Stamp Program
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Food and Consumer Service
61 Forsyth Street, Suite 8T36
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Crayton
Dear Mr. Lankford:

Attached please find our request to extend Waiver #970225, to exempt eighteen Alabama counties from the provision of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 which limits eligibility for certain able-bodied adults who are not working or participating in a work or training program or workfare. This waiver extension is requested because these counties continue to experience an unemployment rate that is at least 120% of the national unemployment rate and they are designated as Labor Surplus Areas for FY 1999.

Please advise if additional information is needed.

Sincerely,

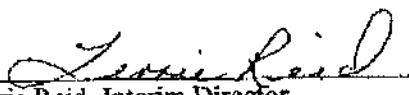
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Terrie Reid, Interim Director
Family Assistance Division

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Enclosure

WAIVER REQUEST

1. **Waiver serial number:** 970225
2. **Type of request:** Extension
3. **State:** Alabama
Contact Person: Melody Armstrong
Office of Program Operations
Family Assistance Division
(334)242-1700
4. **Region:** Southeast
5. **Regulatory requirements:** The Food Stamp Act, as amended, limits eligibility to three months in a 36 month period for certain able-bodied adults who are not working or participating in a work or training program for at least 20 hours a week or in workfare.
6. **Category under which waiver is being requested:** Lack of sufficient jobs to provide employment for these individuals.
7. **Areas covered by the request:** The State of Alabama is requesting a waiver for food stamp recipients residing in the following counties: Bullock, Clarke, Colbert, Conecuh, Crenshaw, Dallas, Escambia, Franklin, Hale, Jackson, Lamar, Macon, Marengo, Marion, Perry, Pickens, Sumter and Walker.
8. **Basis for request:** All of these counties are designated as labor surplus areas for FY 1999, as determined by the Department of Labor. (See Attachment I) These counties also continued to have an average unemployment rate for FY 1998 that is at least 20% above the national average for the same period. (See Attachment II)
9. **Duration of the waiver:** We are requesting this extension for one year.
10. **Signature and title of requesting official:**

Terrie Reid, Interim Director
Family Assistance Division
Alabama Department of Human Resources
11. **Date of request:** February 5, 1999

ATTACHMENT 1

LABOR SURPLUS AREAS ELIGIBLE FOR FEDERAL PROCUREMENT PREFERENCE
[October 1, 1998 through September 30, 1999]

Eligible Labor Surplus Areas	Civil Jurisdictions Included
ALABAMA	
ANNISTON CITY	ANNISTON CITY IN CALHOUN COUNTY
BARBOUR COUNTY	BARBOUR COUNTY
BIBB COUNTY	BIBB COUNTY
BULLOCK COUNTY	BULLOCK COUNTY
BUTLER COUNTY	BUTLER COUNTY
CHOCTAW COUNTY	CHOCTAW COUNTY
CLARKE COUNTY	CLARKE COUNTY
COLBERT COUNTY	COLBERT COUNTY
CONECUH COUNTY	CONECUH COUNTY
COVINGTON COUNTY	COVINGTON COUNTY
CRENSHAW COUNTY	CRENSHAW COUNTY
DALLAS COUNTY	DALLAS COUNTY
ESCAMBIA COUNTY	ESCAMBIA COUNTY
FLORENCE CITY	FLORENCE CITY IN LAUDERDALE COUNTY
FRANKLIN COUNTY	FRANKLIN COUNTY
GADSDEN CITY	GADSDEN CITY IN ETOWAH COUNTY
GENEVA COUNTY	GENEVA COUNTY
GREENE COUNTY	GREENE COUNTY
HALE COUNTY	HALE COUNTY
JACKSON COUNTY	JACKSON COUNTY
LAMAR COUNTY	LAMAR COUNTY
LAWRENCE COUNTY	LAWRENCE COUNTY
LOWNDES COUNTY	LOWNDES COUNTY
MAGON COUNTY	MAGON COUNTY
MARENGO COUNTY	MARENGO COUNTY
MARION COUNTY	MARION COUNTY
MONROE COUNTY	MONROE COUNTY
PERRY COUNTY	PERRY COUNTY
PICKENS COUNTY	PICKENS COUNTY
PIKE COUNTY	PIKE COUNTY
PRICHARD CITY	PRICHARD CITY IN MOBILE COUNTY
SUMTER COUNTY	SUMTER COUNTY
TALLADEGA COUNTY	TALLADEGA COUNTY
WALKER COUNTY	WALKER COUNTY
WASHINGTON COUNTY	WASHINGTON COUNTY
WILCOX COUNTY	WILCOX COUNTY
WINSTON COUNTY	WINSTON COUNTY

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**Labor Surplus Counties for Waiver Consideration
FY 1998 Unemployment Rates**

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