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Dear Mr. Weingart:

We are writing to submit our calendar year 1999 able-bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWDS) waiver request. We apologize for the delay in submitting this waiver request. Enclosed is data prepared by the New Jersey Department of Labor showing those areas that are considered to be labor surplus areas and/or areas with unemployment rates of greater than 10 percent. We are requesting that all of those areas be waived.

The following areas that were waived in calendar year 1998 will no longer meet the waiver criteria:

- Burlington County

Pemberton
 Wrightstown

- Bergen County

Hackensack

- Gloucester County

The balance of the County except Monroe and Washington Townships, which had not been waived, and Paulsboro that is eligible with an unemployment rate of greater than 10%.

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- Monmouth County

Asbury Park
Keansburg

- Salem County

The balance of the County except for Penns Grove and Salem, which are eligible with unemployment rates of greater than 10%.

Your prompt approval of our waiver request will be appreciated. If you have any questions concerning this request, please contact William Robinson, Supervisor Food Stamp Unit at (609) 588-2125.

Sincerely yours,



David C. Heins
Acting Director

Enclosure

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New Labor Surplus Areas Designated

The US Department of Labor has released an updated list of labor surplus areas as authorized by Executive Orders 12073 and 10582. Employers in labor surplus areas are eligible for preference in bidding on designated federal contracts. The purpose in providing preference is to direct the federal government's procurement dollars into areas with significantly higher-than-national rates of unemployment. The latest classifications are effective from October 1, 1998 to September 30, 1999.

Four areas have been deleted from last year's list of qualified areas. These areas are: Hackensack city, Pemberton township, Salem County and the Balance of Gloucester County (county less Monroe and Washington townships).

The updated list includes the previously designated cities of Atlantic City, Camden, East Orange, Elizabeth, Garfield, Jersey City, Linden, Long Branch, Millville, New Brunswick, Newark, Passaic, Paterson, Perth Amboy, Plainfield, Trenton, Union and Vineland; the town of West New York; the townships of Berkeley, Egg Harbor, Irvington, Lakewood, Manchester, North Bergen and Orange City; the county of Cape May; the Balance of Atlantic County (county less Atlantic City and Egg Harbor Twp.) and the Balance of Cumberland County (county less Millville and Vineland).

To be designated for the labor surplus classification, an area must be a county or a civil jurisdiction of at least 25,000 in population and have an unemployment rate, determined by the New Jersey Department of Labor and the US Bureau of Labor Statistics, of at least 20 percent above the national average (including Puerto Rico) for the previous two calendar years. For the current classification period, an area must have an average unemployment rate in calendar years 1996 and 1997 of at least 6.4 percent.

The labor surplus area listing and a complete description of the classification criteria, as well as updates to the annual listing, are published in *Area Trends in Employment and Unemployment*, a monthly publication prepared by the US Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration.

Employers located in labor surplus areas and interested in bidding on Federal contracts should consult the *Commerce Business Daily*, which lists Federal contract requirements and indicates those to be awarded under preference procedures.

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Both of these publications are available by subscription. Further information may be obtained by writing to the Superintendent of Documents, US Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402 or by calling (202-512-1800).

Additional Information

Employers may obtain additional contracting information from the nearest Business Service Center of the General Services Administration. Employers located in Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Middlesex, Monmouth, Morris, Passaic or Union counties may call (212) 264-1236 or write to Colleen Pappas, Procurement Analyst, Business Service Center, Room 18-130, General Service Administration, Jacob K. Javits Building, 26 Federal Plaza, New York, NY 10278. Employers located in the other counties of New Jersey may call (215) 656-5525 or write to James Gillern, Director of Program Services, Mid-Atlantic Business Service Center, General Services Administration, Wanamaker Building, 100 Penn Square East, Room 829, Philadelphia, PA 19107.

Employers or other interested persons needing more information on the classification procedure may also contact the New Jersey Department of Labor by calling (609) 292-2568 or writing to the New Jersey Department of Labor, Division of Labor Market and Demographic Research, Local Area Unemployment Statistics, P.O. Box 383, Trenton, NJ 08625-0383.

New Jersey Labor Surplus Areas*
Eligible for Federal Procurement Preference
From October 1, 1998 Through September 30, 1999

Countries
 ✓ Cape May County
 ✓ **Balance of Countries**
 ✓ Balance of Atlantic County
 ✓ Balance of Cumberland County

Cities
 ✓ Atlantic City
 Berkeley
 Camden
 ✓ East Orange
 Egg Harbor
 Elizabeth
 ✓ Garfield
 Irvington
 Jersey City
 Lakewood
 Linden
 Long Branch
 Manchester
 Millville
 New Brunswick
 Newark
 North Bergen
 Orange
 Passaic
 Paterson
 Perth Amboy
 Plainfield
 Trenton
 Union City
 Vineland
 West New York

Political Jurisdiction Includes
 Cape May County

Atlantic County less Atlantic City
 Egg Harbor Township
 Cumberland County less Millville City
 Vineland City

Atlantic City in Atlantic County
 Berkeley Township in Ocean County
 Camden City in Camden County
 East Orange City in Essex County
 Egg Harbor Township in Atlantic County
 Elizabeth City in Union County
 Garfield City in Bergen County
 Irvington Township in Essex County
 Jersey City in Hudson County
 Lakewood Township in Ocean County
 Linden City in Union County
 Long Branch City in Monmouth County
 Manchester Township in Ocean County
 Millville City in Cumberland County
 New Brunswick City in Middlesex County
 Newark City in Essex County
 North Bergen Township in Hudson County
 Orange City in Essex County
 Passaic City in Passaic County
 Paterson City in Passaic County
 Perth Amboy City in Middlesex County
 Plainfield City in Union County
 Trenton City in Mercer County
 Union City in Hudson County
 Vineland City in Cumberland County
 West New York City in Hudson County

* All jurisdictions with a population of at least 25,000 are considered for classification as labor surplus areas.

The annual classifications are based on an average of each area's unemployment rate for the previous two calendar years. By using this reference period, it is possible to target Federal procurement contracts into areas experiencing high structural unemployment, that is, unemployment relatively long-term in nature and due primarily to workers' lack of skills rather than to cyclical factors. To be included on this labor surplus list, an area must have had an average unemployment rate of at least 6.4 percent during the two-year period from January 1996 through December 1997.

The U.S. Department of Labor may waive the eligibility criteria when a sudden and unforeseen rise in the unemployment rate occurs that was not reflected in the reference period. Such instances can arise due to natural disasters, plant closings, contract cancellations, and so forth, that have a substantial impact on the area's unemployment.

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, October 1, 1998.

LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES BY MUNICIPALITY
Food Stamp Waiver Program
10/97 Thru 9/98 (P) Areas Above 10.0%

For The County of Atlantic

Municipality	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Unemployment Rate
Atlantic City	20,360	17,554	2,806	13.8
Buena	2,384	2,026	358	15.0
Egg Harbor City	2,356	2,095	261	11.1
Pleasantville	9,254	8,111	1,143	12.4

For The County of Camden

Municipality	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Unemployment Rate
Camden	32,277	27,845	4,432	13.7

The Entire County of Cape May *

Municipality	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Unemployment Rate
Total	46,984	41,915	5,069	10.8

For The County of Cumberland

Municipality	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Unemployment Rate
Bridgeton	8,336	7,312	1,024	12.3
Downe	844	758	86	10.2
Fairfield	3,010	2,533	477	15.8
Lawrence	1,185	1,050	135	11.4

For The County of Essex

Municipality	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Unemployment Rate
Newark	112,956	101,497	11,459	10.1

For The County of Gloucester

Municipality	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Unemployment Rate
Paulsboro	2,981	2,666	315	10.6

For The County of Ocean

Municipality	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Unemployment Rate
Seaside Heights	1,281	1,140	141	11.0

For The County of Salem

Municipality	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Unemployment Rate
Penns Grove	2,318	2,048	270	11.6
Salem	2,944	2,599	345	11.7

* NOTE: The entire county of Cape May is above 10.0%

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Bureau of Labor Force Statistics
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