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Mid-Atlantic Region

Mercer Corporate Park
300 Corporate Boulevard
Robbinsville, N.J. 08691-1598



Date:

Reply to Attention of:

Subject:

Addendum to New Jersey ABAWD Waiver

To:

Arthur Foley
Director
Program Development Division

Please find attached a letter of February 5, 2001, from the New Jersey Department of Human Services, which requests the inclusion of additional areas of Cape May County in the LSA waiver. Attached also is documentation from the New Jersey Department of Labor.

If you have questions, please contact Joseph Yehl, (609) 259-5069, or Marian Wig, (609) 259-5059.

Thank you for your assistance.


JOSEPH WEINGART
Regional Director
Food Stamp Program

Attachments (2)





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February 5, 2001

Joseph Weingart
Regional Director Food Stamp Program
U.S. Department of Agriculture
300 Corporate Boulevard
Robbinsville, New Jersey 08691-1598

Dear Mr. Weingart:

We are writing to add to our Calendar Year 2001 Able Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWD) Waiver Extension request the balance of Cape May County. Previously, Lower Township, Middle Township, North Wildwood, Sea Isle City, West Wildwood, Wildwood, Wildwood Crest, and Woodbine were designated and have already been approved for the 10% Unemployment Waiver. Our request inadvertently left out the balance of Cape May County, which should have been considered a Labor Surplus Area.

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Your prompt approval to our request would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

David C. Heins
Director

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
MEMORANDUM

TO: Harriet Seiver, Employment Supervisor I
Director's Office Employment and Training

FROM: C. Ronald ~~Parsons~~ Chief
Bureau of Labor Force Statistics

SUBJECT: Updated Data Request for Food Stamp Waiver

DATE: 11/02/00

Per your request of October 31 enclosed is an updated list of municipalities by county that meets the greater than 10.0 percent unemployment rate criteria for the most recent 12-month period (10/99 - 9/00 preliminary).

Also enclosed is a copy of an article with the updated list of labor surplus areas for the period October 1, 2000 to September 30, 2001 that was published in the October 2000 issue of *Economic Indicators* and a table of all current labor surplus areas with a precise civil jurisdiction definition. Please note that four areas (Berkeley Twp., Lakewood Twp., Manchester Twp., and Galloway Twp.) are no longer on the list. Galloway Twp. is no longer included in the Balance of Atlantic County geographic definition.

If you have any further questions, please contact me at 2-2582.

Enclosure

c: D. Crane
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LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES BY MUNICIPALITY
10/99 THROUGH 09/00(P) AREAS GE 10.1%

FOR THE COUNTY OF Atlantic

MUNICIPALITY	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	Unemployment	UNEMPLOYMENT Rate
Atlantic City	19,578	17,505	2,073	10.6
Buena	2,285	2,020	265	11.6

FOR THE COUNTY OF Camden

MUNICIPALITY	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	Unemployment	UNEMPLOYMENT Rate
Camden	32,633	28,792	3,841	11.8

FOR THE COUNTY OF Cape May

MUNICIPALITY	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	Unemployment	UNEMPLOYMENT Rate
North Wildwood	2,386	1,965	421	17.6
West Wildwood	217	189	28	12.9
Wildwood	1,964	1,541	423	21.5
Wildwood Crest	1,759	1,554	205	11.7

FOR THE COUNTY OF Cumberland

MUNICIPALITY	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	Unemployment	UNEMPLOYMENT Rate
Fairfield	2,850	2,476	374	13.1

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
OFFICE OF LABOR PLANNING AND ANALYSIS
DIVISION OF LABOR MARKET AND
DEMOGRAPHIC RESEARCH
BUREAU OF LABOR FORCE STATISTICS
LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS
November 2, 2000
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New Labor Surplus List Released

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, 2000 to September 30, 2001.

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

Three areas have been deleted from last year's list of qualified areas. These are Berkeley Township, Lakewood Township and Manchester Township. Also of note is that the balance of Atlantic County now excludes Galloway Township which does not qualify by itself.

To be designated for the labor surplus classification an area must be a county or 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. In times of low national unemployment a "floor" concept of 6.0 percent is used to qualify as a labor surplus area. The 6 percent "floor" comes into effect whenever the average unemployment rate for all states during the 2-year reference period was 5.0 percent or less. For the current classification period, during which time the US average unemployment rate for calendar years 1998 and 1999 was 4.4 percent, the "floor" concept is in effect and, therefore, any areas above 6.0 percent are considered to be labor surplus areas.

The labor surplus area listing and a complete description of the classification criteria, as well as updated to the annual listing, are published in the *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 *Commerce Business Daily*, which lists Federal contract requirements and indicates those to be awarded under preference procedures.

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 (212) 656-5525 or write to Helena Koch, Small Business Specialist, 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 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, 2000 Through September 30, 2001

<u>Countries</u>	<u>Political Jurisdiction Includes</u>
Cape May County	Cape May County
<u>Balance of Counties</u>	
Balance of Atlantic County	Atlantic County less Atlantic City, Egg Harbor Township and Galloway Township
Balance of Cumberland County	Cumberland County less Millville City and Vineland City
<u>Cities</u>	
Atlantic City	Atlantic City in Atlantic County
Camden	Camden City in Camden County
East Orange	East Orange City in Essex County
Egg Harbor	Egg Harbor Township in Atlantic County
Elizabeth	Elizabeth City in Union County
Irvington	Irvington Township in Essex County
Jersey City	Jersey City in Hudson County
Long Branch	Long Branch City in Monmouth County
Millville	Millville City in Cumberland County
New Brunswick	New Brunswick City in Middlesex County
Newark	Newark City in Essex County
North Bergen	North Bergen Township in Hudson County
City of Orange Township	City of Orange Township in Essex County
Passaic	Passaic City in Passaic County
Paterson	Paterson City in Passaic County
Perth Amboy	Perth Amboy City in Middlesex County
Plainfield	Plainfield City in Union County
Trenton	Trenton City in Mercer County
Union City	Union City in Hudson County
Vineland	Vineland City in Cumberland County
West New York	West New York Town 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 6.0 percent during the two-year period from January 1998 through December 1999.

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, 2000.