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Reply to
Attn of: FS-10-6-Waiver #970032, 970063, & 970164-WA

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Subject: Washington - Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWD) Waiver Extension Request

To: Art Foley, Director
Program Development Division
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Attached is Washington State's request to extend waiver #970032, 970063, and 970164. These waivers exempt certain areas of the State from the ABAWD work requirements in 7 CFR 273.24(b) based on unemployment rates over 10 percent, designations as labor surplus areas (LSA) or insufficient jobs. The State has provided current supporting documentation.

Waiver #970032 10% Unemployment	Waiver #970063 Labor Surplus Areas	Waiver #970164 Insufficient Jobs
Counties	Counties	Counties
(WRO Note: Although the State requests an extension to #970032 no areas were listed in the State's narrative portion of the request. Data submitted with the waiver, however, indicates several counties with unemployment rates of 10 percent or more.)	Adams Chelan Clallam Columbia Cowlitz Douglas Ferry Grant Grays Harbor Klickitat Lewis Mason Okanagan Pacific County Pend Oreille County Skagit Skamania Stevens Wahkiakum Yakima	Benton Franklin Jefferson Kitsap Kittitas Pierce Spokane Walla Walla Whatcom
	Cities	Cities
	Bremerton City (in Kitsap County) Everett City (in Snohomish County) Kennewick City (in Benton County) Lakewood City (in Pierce County) Longview City (in Cowlitz County) Pasco City (in Franklin County) Spokane City (in Spokane County) Walla Walla City (in Walla Walla County) Yakima City (in Yakima County)	Vancouver City (In Clark County)

We have reviewed Washington State's request and justification. We recommend approval of the State's request with modifications.

1. The State provides data in Appendix B listing Adams, Columbia, Ferry, Grant, Grays Harbor, Klickitat, Okanogan and Yakima *with unemployment rates of 10 percent or more*. We recommend approving these counties under waiver #970032.
2. We recommend combining cities and their respective counties under the same waiver. For example Longview City in Cowlitz County is a designated LSA as is the balance (less Longview City) of Cowlitz County. We believe Longview should be considered a part of Cowlitz County under waiver # 970063.

We recommend approving the State's request for extensions to waiver # 970032, 970063 & 970164 for an additional one-year period through March 31, 2003.

If you have any questions or need further information please call Zita Viernes of my staff at (415) 705-1320, ext. 320.



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Attachments

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