

PART I: Summary Idaho's Food Stamp Employment & Training Program

I.A Abstract of the State Employment and Training Program.

Idaho's Employment and Training (E&T) Program serves all forty-four (44) of the state's counties. Comprehensive statewide program (referred to as "JSAP" in this document), services are provided using uniform criteria for outcome measurement statewide. Services provided include job search, job readiness, workfare (work opportunity site placement), education, and vocational training. Idaho's new automated eligibility system, IBES, tracks work program participants. All program participants enrolled as of the first day of the fiscal year are identified as the "roll-in" participant count.

I.A.1 Program Changes.

Due to continuing severe budget constraints, Idaho is unable to provide state dollars necessary to draw down Federal matching funds for the JSAP program. Idaho will only be accessing the 100% federal employment and training dollars to provide services to Food Stamp recipients during FFY 2012. As a result, E & T services for FS recipients who do not have children will be severely limited. We will continue to provide E&T services to those FS participants with minor children, utilizing TANF funding for these services. These Food Stamp recipients are not receiving actual TANF cash assistance. Rather, because of their income status and the fact that they have minor children, they are considered "At-risk" for TANF and therefore are eligible for TANF funded services, as a diversionary measure. As a result of these changes, the numbers to be served during FFY 2012 remain lower, as they were in 2011. Those individuals who do not have minor children yet wish to volunteer for services will be funded through use of 100% E&T funds.

The JSAP program will continue to increase collaborative efforts to more effectively serve mutual participants between TAFI, WIA, and JSAP.

I.A.2 ABAWD Population.

Idaho currently has a waiver exempting the entire state from the work requirement provisions of Section 6(o) (2) of the Food Stamp Act as amended by Section 824 of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996.

I.A.3 PLEDGE State.

Idaho is no longer a participating Pledge state.