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To: LMI Directors
Workforce Information Database Administrators

From: Roger Therrien, Chair
WID Structure Committee

Subject: Release of Workforce Information Database, Version 2.4

On behalf of the Analyst Resource Center (ARC), I am pleased to announce the release of Version 2.4 of the Workforce Information Database (WID). This release features a number of changes.

The major change in the Workforce Information Database, Version 2.4 is the addition of a number of tables that were previously non-standard. These include tables for data on business employment dynamics, the EEO Census data, job vacancy data (from job vacancy surveys), and the LED quarterly workforce indicators. Both the data tables and any necessary lookup tables have been added. In addition, a change has been made to the tables holding the employment service applicant data.

There are also some minor field changes. Some fields have been expanded to accommodate data needs. Some numeric descriptions have been changed to make them more generic; that is, less dependent on a particular platform. The introductory narrative to the data dictionary has also been changed to explain the switch from ALMIS Database to WID. In addition, we are now including the data load order as part of the data dictionary.

As with all database changes, although less likely with this version, this release makes some changes to the database structure that may require modifications to existing applications that use the Workforce Information Database. States should be aware as they begin to build and populate Version 2.4 that they may at the same time have to maintain their current database structure until their existing applications can be modified.

The ARC has prepared two documents of the Version 2.4 Data Dictionary – one that contains the structure in a standard format and the other an annotated edition that highlights the changes made from Version 2.3. These documents are available through the Analyst Resource Center at <http://www.workforceinfodb.org/>.

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