

FORMAL COMMUNICATION

**TO: WIB Directors
 Program Directors**

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**Workforce Investment Act – Technical Assistance Bulletin
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Modifying Indiana’s Eligible Training Provider List

Technical Assistance Bulletin 2005-004, released August 22, 2005, indicated that pursuing an Associate’s or Bachelor’s Degree in General Studies is not a prudent use of Workforce Investment Act (WIA) funding. Up to this point in time, General Study and General Technical Study Degree programs have been approved at both the regional and state levels and appeared on Indiana’s Eligible Training Provider List, “Education & Training Choices (ETC).” Such programs could then be selected by a WIA participant for training. With the announcement contained in TAB 2005-044, such previously approved programs need to be removed from ETC.

Unfortunately, the Department of Workforce Development can not delete such programs at the state-level due to technical difficulties with computer programming. Therefore, at the regional Workforce Investment Board (WIB) level, staff will need to modify each General Study program previously approved and entered into ETC. Specifically, WIB staff will now need to check that such a General Study Degree program is “approved without WIA funding.” By indicating such, the program is removed from the public view of ETC and sent to the state-level. At the state-level, DWD will hold all such General Studies Degree programs and modify them at a later date.

DWD will send a letter to each contact individual for the General Study Degree Program indicating that the program has now been approved for training without WIA funding. **To ensure all General Studies Degree programs’ contact individuals have been notified, please contact Jennifer Biddle, Planning Analyst, at jbiddle@dwd.in.gov, and let her know the programs that have been modified.**

Questions concerning this TAB may be directed to Tony Collier, Director, Center of Excellence, at 317/232-7595, or by email at tcollier@dwd.in.gov.

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