

**March 18, 2002**

VETERANS' PROGRAM LETTER NO. 07-02

TO : ALL REGIONAL ADMINISTRATORS (RAVETs) AND DIRECTORS  
FOR VETERANS' EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING (DVETs)  
ALL STATE WORKFORCE AGENCY (SWA) ADMINISTRATORS  
ALL REGIONAL ADMINISTRATORS, EMPLOYMENT AND  
TRAINING ADMINISTRATION (INFO)

FROM: FREDERICO JUARBE JR. [Signed]

SUBJECT: Change in Disabled Veterans' Outreach Program (DVOP) and Local Veterans' Employment Representative (LVER) staffing formula levels for Fiscal Year (FY) 2003.

I. Purpose: To provide States with advance information on possible changes to the DVOP and LVER staffing formula levels beginning in FY 2003.

II. References and Rescissions: The FY 2001-2005 DVOP/LVER Solicitation for Grant Applications (SGA); Veterans' Program Letter (VPL) 09-00, dated July 7, 2000; Title 38 United States Code (USC) 4103A(a)(1), and 4104(a)(1)(A)(B)(C).

III. Background: Title 38 provides formulas for establishing staffing levels for the DVOP and LVER programs. These formula staffing levels are used in determining State funding levels for the DVOP and LVER programs. Historically, at the beginning of each grant cycle, the Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS) has provided States with their formula staffing levels for the DVOP and LVER programs. These staffing levels are calculated using the most current Department of Veteran's Affairs (VA) population projections available. When VETS published the SGA for FYs 2001-2005, the VA population estimates as of July 1, 2000 were used to calculate the State DVOP/LVER formula levels.

Several States have voiced their concerns regarding the FY 2001-2005 formula levels. Their primary concern is that utilization of the same formula level for the entire grant cycle does not allow for adjustments based on population shifts which occur during the grant cycle. States contend that five (5) years is too long a time period to be held to funding levels that do not reflect fluctuations in veterans

populations.

IV. Policy and Guidance: It is our intent that the DVOP/LVER funding levels be based, as practically as possible, on the most current veterans population in each State. We, therefore, will provide new formula staffing levels with the VPL, which will be sent out in June 2002, soliciting modification requests from States for FY 2003 funding. These formulas will be based on the current VA population model for September 30, 2002 (see attachment).

V. Actions Required:

- A. SWA administrators are requested to review the attached formula staffing levels with their appropriate staff to determine what impact, if any, the use of new VA population projections will have on their actual staffing levels;
- B. DVETs will be available for consultation on assignment/re-assignment of DVOP/LVER staff resulting from any changes in staffing levels.

VI. Inquiries: State agency questions should be directed to the DVET who will direct inquiries to the National Office through their RAVET. The VETS National Office contact is Miguel A. Hernandez at (202) 693-4708.

VII. Expiration Date: September 30, 2005 unless superceded.

Enclosure: DVOP/LVER formula staffing levels

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