

December 18, 2002

VETERANS PROGRAM LETTER NO. 09-02, **Change 1**

MEMORANDUM FOR: ALL REGIONAL ADMINISTRATORS), 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: Amendment to Veterans' Program Letter (VPL) 09-02,
dated June 24, 2002

I. Purpose: To provide notice of an amendment to Section III of VPL 09-02. This amendment will strike paragraph two of Section III and will delete all other references to the revised formula staffing levels for fiscal Year (FY) 2003. This amendment will have States revert to the original formula levels established for FYs 2001-2005 (Refer to Enclosure I transmitted with this amendment).

II. References: The Jobs for Veterans Act, Public Law (P.L.) 107-288, enacted November 7, 2002, Veterans' Program Letter (VPL) 09-02, dated June 24, 2002.

III. Rescissions: All references to formula levels in VPL 09-02 are amended to reflect original formula levels as established for FY's 2001-2005.

IV. Background: The FY 2003 Disabled Veterans' Outreach Specialist (DVOP) and Local Veterans' Employment Representative (LVER) grant formula staffing levels were initially recalculated using new Department of Veterans Affairs' veteran population data projections (September 30, 2002). The rationale was that five (5) years was too long for States to be held to funding levels that did not reflect fluctuations in veterans' populations. However, Public Law 107-288 enacted on November 7, 2002 abolished formula staffing levels and has given new direction in determining DVOP/LVER staffing levels. It was recently pointed out by the National Association of State Workforce Agencies (NASWA) Veterans' Affairs Committee, that having States readjust to new staffing requirements in FY 2004 after adjusting to the revised FY 2003 funding levels

would put an unnecessary burden on States. The NASWA Veterans' Affairs Committee recommended keeping the previous formula levels for FY 2003 because it would ensure stability for the DVOP/LVER programs, and the delivery of services to veterans. By being proactive in our policy and guidance, the States would only be required to make one adjustment to DVOP/LVER staffing levels, that being for FY 2004.

V. Policy and Guidance: To ensure stability in the overall DVOP/LVER program and mission, the ASVET concurred with the NASWA Veterans' Affairs Committee recommendation. States will revert to the formula staffing levels originally developed for the funding cycle which began in FY 2001. The actual staffing levels will be approved once we have an appropriation and when states submit their State Fiscal Operating Plan (SFOP) based on their FY 2003 allocation.

VI. Actions Required: No action is required at this time. Upon notification of the DVOP and LVER grant funds awarded for FY 2003, States will be requested to submit their SFOPs based on their FY 2003 allocation in accordance with this directive.

VII. Inquiries: SWA administrators should direct their inquiries to the appropriate DVET. Issues that cannot be resolved at the field level should be addressed to Miguel A. Hernandez at the National Office (202) 693-4708 or Dave Mullis (202) 693-4712.

VIII. Expiration Date: September 30, 2003

IX. Enclosure I: Revised to reflect original staffing formula FY 2001-2005.

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