

Dear Governor Torres:

The U.S. Departments of Labor and Education are pleased to inform you that we have approved the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands' modification to the program year (PY) 2016 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Unified State Plan submitted on March 23, 2018 pursuant to section 102(c)(3)(A) of WIOA. The State Plan modification covers PYs 2018 and 2019 and will take effect July 1, 2018. If your modification included requests for waivers of WIOA Title I or Wagner-Peyser requirements, you will receive a separate communication from the Department of Labor with the disposition of those requests.

We value the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands' commitment to work together with stakeholders and the Departments to support the public workforce system. The Departments will provide technical assistance and monitor the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands' progress on an ongoing basis as we work together to realize the vision of WIOA and implement its programs. The Departments will work with you and your team, as needed, to help the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands submit a new four-year State Plan covering PYs 2020-2023 that further reflects the State's experience in implementing WIOA and the innovations it has undertaken to improve the timeliness and quality of services to jobseekers and employers.

If you have any questions, please contact your regional representative or State liaison for assistance.

Sincerely,

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