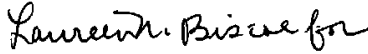


## TEXAS WORKFORCE COMMISSION LETTER

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<b>Date:</b>	December 21, 2009
<b>Keyword:</b>	TAA; WIA
<b>Effective:</b>	Immediately

**To:** Local Workforce Development Board Executive Directors  
Commission Executive Offices  
Integrated Service Area Managers  


**From:** Laurence M. Jones, Director, Workforce Development Division

**Subject:** **The Workforce Information System of Texas: Providing Workforce Investment Act Support Services to Trade Adjustment Assistance Participants**

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### **PURPOSE:**

To provide Local Workforce Development Boards (Boards) with information on a new service code in The Workforce Information System of Texas (TWIST) for coenrolling Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) participants in Workforce Investment Act (WIA) support services.

### **BACKGROUND:**

New TWIST service code *4-TWC Programs Supported by WIA*, to be announced through the TWIST Release Notes in January 2010, will allow Boards to coenroll TAA participants who are in need of WIA dislocated worker support services to assist in successful completion of education or training.

### **PROCEDURES:**

Boards must ensure that appropriate staff coenrolls TAA participants who need support services to complete their educational or training activities in WIA dislocated worker services. NLF

Boards must ensure that TWIST service code *4-TWC Programs Supported by WIA* is used only for TAA participants who are enrolled in TAA-funded educational or training activities and are unable to complete their training without the provision of WIA dislocated worker-funded support services. NLF

Boards must be aware that support services can include services such as payment or reimbursement for: NLF

- child care services governed by Texas Workforce Commission Chapter 809, Child Care Services rules;
- transportation services, if provided for participating workers; and

- work, training, or education-related items that are not related directly to the training and are not authorized under the Trade Act.

**INQUIRIES:**

Direct inquiries regarding this WD Letter to [wfpolicy.clarifications@twc.state.tx.us](mailto:wfpolicy.clarifications@twc.state.tx.us).

**RESCISSIONS:**

None

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**REFERENCE:**

Workforce Investment Act; Final Rule, 20 C.F.R., Part 663, §663.800 and §663.805

Texas Workforce Commission Child Care Services Rules: 40 TAC, Chapter 809

Texas Workforce Commission Employment and Training Services for Dislocated Workers

Eligible for Trade Benefits Rules: 40 TAC §849.41

WD Letter 52-09, issued November 18, 2009, and entitled “Trade and Globalization Adjustment Assistance Act of 2009”

**FLEXIBILITY RATINGS:**

**No Local Flexibility (NLF):** This rating indicates that Boards must comply with the federal and state laws, rules, policies, and required procedures set forth in this WD Letter and have no local flexibility in determining whether and/or how to comply. All information with an NLF rating is indicated by “must” or “shall.”

**Local Flexibility (LF):** This rating indicates that Boards have local flexibility in determining whether and/or how to implement guidance or recommended practices set forth in this WD Letter. All information with an LF rating is indicated by “may” or “recommend.”