

# Fresno County Workforce Investment Board

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**To: All Fresno County Workforce Investment Board Providers of Services**

**From: Blake G. Konczal, Director**

**Effective Date: January 19, 2006**

**Subject: Veterans' Priority**

**Applicable Program: Adult, Dislocated Worker**

References: Operational Directive (OD) 23-04 Revised Fresno County Title I Eligibility TAG; TEGL 5-03: Implementing the Veterans' Priority Provisions of the "Jobs for Veterans Act;" TEGL 22-04: Serving Military Service Members and Military Spouses under the Workforce Investment Act Dislocated Worker Formula Grant; WIAD04 Title I Eligibility; OD 29-05 Veterans Grant Eligibility.

Effective immediately, all providers of services' staff are to implement this OD.

On November 7, 2002, President Bush signed the Jobs for Veterans Act to revise and improve employment, training, and placement services furnished to veterans. The Act mandated priority of service for veterans (and some spouses) "who otherwise meet the eligibility requirements for participation" in WIA Adult and Dislocated Worker programs.

Veterans' priority is required under federal law; however, it is not intended to displace existing eligibility requirements for WIA. An individual must first qualify for WIA services before a priority of service can be applied. Providers of service must use the following guidelines when determining priority for WIA-funded services:

- In the event there is a service being provided with limited opportunities or funds, priority must be given to any identified eligible veterans.
  - For example: If there is a capacity limit for a training program and there is only one remaining slot and there are two applicants. If one of them is a veteran, the veteran must be given priority for the open training slot.

If there are any questions, please contact your contract administrator.