

Legal Notice

Merrimack Valley Workforce Investment Board American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA)

The Merrimack Valley Workforce Investment Board (MVWIB), in partnership with the Lower Merrimack Valley Workforce Investment Area's Chief Elected Official, Mayor Michael J. Sullivan of Lawrence, has prepared a plan for utilization of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) funds that are being allocated to the region as an augment to our regular Workforce Investment Act (WIA) funds. ARRA is intended to preserve and create jobs that align with economic recovery and economic growth through a significant investment of additional funding to expand the service capacity of the nation's workforce development system.

To that end, the MVWIB has submitted a plan to the Massachusetts Department of Workforce Development for the utilization of the additional WIA and Wagner-Peyser funding allocated in conjunction with the requirements of the ARRA. The Local ARRA Plan specifically describes the area's use of additional funding for: Adults, Dislocated Workers, Youth, Wagner-Peyser services for both job seekers and employers, and Reemployment Services (RES) for unemployment insurance claimants.

The region will receive approximately \$3.7 million in additional ARRA-WIA funds which will provide workforce development and labor exchange services to more of our region's adults, dislocated workers, youth and employers. The ultimate goal of the ARRA funded services is to increase the employment opportunities and earnings of program participants and to improve the quality of the workforce and help stimulate the economy.

The MVWIB is seeking public comment on the proposed ARRA Plan. Beginning June 15, 2009, interested parties may view the Plan by:

- Going to the MVWIB website at: www.mvwib.org , or
- Visiting the MVWIB office (Mon – Fri, 8:30AM to 4:30PM) at the address below to view a copy.

All comments must be submitted in writing, no later than July 15, 2009 to:

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