EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION HANDBOOK



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•Institution Volunteer Handbook

•Community Volunteer Handbook

•Mock Job Fair Handbook

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PURPOSE

The Inmate Transition Program Branch (ITB) serves to strengthen existing Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP) programs and to establish new ones designed to enhance the post release transition of federal prisoners. This employment information handbook provides prisoners with contacts and other information that can help them to prepare for release. Free information has been gathered from a variety of sources including, the U.S. Department of Labor's Internet web site, and you may freely copy, share, and use these materials.

WHAT SHOULD I DO TO PREPARE FOR RELEASE?

You should start preparing for release as early in your sentence as possible. This should include an assessment of your career objectives, completion of all education and vocational training programs offered by the prison, resolution of any substance abuse issues that you may have, and development of a realistic post release plan.

Parents should participate in parenting programs offered by the prison and should make a sincere effort to reestablish and repair family ties. Many people who prepare for release are unrealistic about what they are going to do and lack a workable plan. One example is a person who has no business experience and plans to start a business instead of finding employment. To successfully open a business you must have a business plan and start-up capital, but only about half of all new businesses survive after four years. While your long term goal may be to start a business, a job may be a more realistic immediate post release objective.

It is also important to remember that companies are required to verify your citizenship before they can hire you. The Immigration and Naturalization Service requires employers to complete a Proof of Identity form (Form I-9--**Appendix G**) for new hires to prove they are eligible to work in the United States. Review Appendix F and check the list of acceptable documents to ensure you are able to meet this critical pre-employment requirement. After you leave prison is not the time to discover that you do not have a copy of your social security card and birth certificate.

Many employers require that you provide information about the training, skills, and experience that they are looking for. An employment folder that contains your personal information and documents is a good way to do this. The employment folder should include copies of your resume, social security card, birth certificate, high school diploma or General Educational Development certificate, vocational certificates or college diplomas, and a transcript from each school you have attended (include prison schools). Remember to bring extra copies for use during interviews, and to keep the originals with you in your folder.

If you do not have a resume, prepare one and also fill out the sample job application found in this handbook (**Appendix C**). When you are 60 days or so from release, you should mail resumes and cover letters to employers whose addresses you obtain from the telephone book yellow pages or other sources. You should request an application form in your letter. Plan to follow up with these same employers by telephone or in person and request an interview when

you are released. If you do not have access to the yellow pages, you may want to ask a friend, relative, or even your parole officer to send you 10 - 20 addresses from the yellow pages. Remember that employers are looking for people who know what they want to do, who have skills, and who want a career with their company. Keep in mind that a significant number of exoffenders have been employed in construction, retail, accommodation, food service, transportation and warehousing jobs. Don't forget to consider employers who hire staff for hotels, colleges, hospitals, and apartment building owners/managers.

If you have access to the Internet, it is a good source for local and national employment information. To explore your career options, visit <u>http://careervoyages.gov</u>.

ARE THERE EMPLOYERS WHO HIRE EX-OFFENDERS?

Assume employers will hire you if you are a good match for their needs. One survey of more than 1200 employers report that only eight percent said they would not hire an ex-offender. Since 92 percent of employers will consider hiring you, feel free to look for work from any legitimate source. Limiting yourself to employers that you believe hire ex-offenders can also limit your wages and job prospects. You should try to find employers who are a good match for your skills, experience, and career goals.

Your job search should include <u>all potential employers</u>. According to Richard Bolles' popular employment book, "What Color Is Your Parachute," some of the best ways to find a job are:

- 1. Asking for job-leads from family members, friends, and people in the community has a 33 percent success rate.
- 2. Knocking on the door of any employer, factory, or office that interests you, whether they are known to have a vacancy or not, has a 47 percent success rate.
- 3. Using the phone book's yellow pages to identify subjects or fields of interest to you in the town or city where you will release, and then calling up the employers listed in that field to ask if they are hiring for the type of position you can do and do well, has a 69 percent success rate.

Remember, the two most critical factors to a successful job search are attitude and persistence. You are marketing a product, yourself, and you have to believe in the product (you) in order to land that job. Also, like any sales situation, you have to market the product (you) and make sure that you make plenty of contacts. Treat your employment search like a job and spend at least 8 hours a day at it. Employers will not usually come looking for you so you have to get out to meet them. Additional offender job search information on searching for jobs, explaining a conviction, and interview tips, can be found in **Appendix A**.

WHAT ABOUT FEDERAL PROGRAMS TO HELP EX-OFFENDERS?

Federal programs are generally designed to help people who need work, housing, public assistance, and other services. While each program has different standards for participation with low income being the most common requirement, there are no federal programs exclusively for ex-offenders.

Most assistance programs are administered locally by community agencies. You can find the addresses for them in the local telephone book's blue pages and on the Internet. One of the first stops you should make is to the state employment service office to help you with job leads. Their local addresses are located in the blue pages of the telephone book. You may want to ask the state employment service about job search assistance, federal bonding, employer tax incentives, job training, and Workforce Investment Act - sponsored training. If there are other local agencies or one-stop assistance centers, you may want to contact them as well.

If you are a non-federal offender in a state or local correctional institution, you should ask education services staff for information about community, state, and private programs to help exoffenders. Assistance may also be available from local faith-based organizations.

Your local library may offer public access to the Internet and provide employment information specific to your community. If there is a One-Stop Career Center in your area, be sure to visit it for job leads, training, and other services that can help you and your family. Always explain your situation when you visit any assistance services agencies and, if they cannot be of assistance, do not forget to ask for a referral to another agency or private organization that may be able to help you.

Veterans should contact their local veterans affairs office for assistance. The VA has a wide range of programs that can be helpful, including rehabilitation services. The Internet website for the VA is <u>www.va.gov</u>, or you can contact their national toll free number at 800-827-1000. Local VA offices are also listed in the government pages of the telephone book. **Note:** Only veterans with honorable or general discharges are eligible to receive services.

WHAT ABOUT STATE AND FEDERAL JOBS FOR EX-OFFENDERS?

<u>Ex-offenders have no special status</u> when applying for state and federal jobs. The application and selection procedures for state jobs follows state guidelines, and federal jobs follow the rules and guidelines of the Office of Personnel Management (OPM).

State Jobs

To find out about state jobs, contact the Department of Human Resources in the state where you plan to release. You can also find out about state jobs on Internet at <u>www.state._us</u>. Fill in the blank with the two letter postal code for the state. For example, Virginia would be <u>www.state.va.us</u>. State jobs may also be posted at the local U.S. Employment Service office and

each state's contact information can be found in the blue pages of the telephone book. **Note:** Each state's web site is different, but you can find job information by entering "jobs" in the "search" box for any given state website.

Federal Jobs

Th- Office of Personnel Management (OPM) announces most federal jobs on their website at <u>www.usajobs.opm.gov</u>. You can also call the OPM automated telephone system, an interactive voice response telephone system, at (478) 757-3000 or TDD (478) 744-2299. Job seekers can access current job vacancies, employment information fact sheets, applications, forms, and even apply for some jobs. Many federal agencies have job information telephone numbers located in the blue pages of the telephone book. Federal job postings are also available from the nearest U.S. Employment Service office.

WHAT ABOUT LOANS AND GRANTS?

There are many agencies in the federal government that provide loans, grants and assistance. The best source for these is the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance. It is available at some libraries and from the Government Printing Office (GPO). Information is also available from the Federal Citizen Information Center at 1-800-FED-INFO, or on the Internet: www.pueblo.gsa.gov.

There are no small business loans or grants specifically for ex-offenders. The Small Business Administration (SBA) does not provide direct loans. They do provide loan guarantees for certain businesses that borrow from lending institutions. They do not provide specific grants or low interest rate loans to ex-offenders for business start-up or expansion. For further information, you may want to contact the Small Business Administration, 409 Third Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20416; or on the Internet at: www.sba.gov.

WHAT PROGRAMS ARE SPONSORED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR?

The Department of Labor's website is <u>www.dol.gov</u>. The site contains an interactive map of the United States. Click on any state's icon and a variety services are displayed for the viewer.

One-Stop Employment and Training Services

One-Stop Careers Centers are at the heart of the workforce investment system under legislation called the Workforce Investment Act (WIA). Designed as part of America's Workforce Network, these centers provide an integrated array of high-quality services to help workers, job seekers, and businesses find assistance under one roof in easy-to-reach locations. One-Stop Career Centers help businesses find qualified workers, and help job-seekers and workers obtain employment and training services to advance their careers.

One-Stop Services also include assessment of skills, abilities, aptitudes, and needs; assistance with Unemployment Insurance; career counseling; job-search and job-placement assistance; and information on training, education, and related supportive services such as day care and transportation. Eligible individuals also can obtain more intensive services and training.

One-Stop Career Centers are convenient to most communities in the United States and territories. While their names may differ (One-Stop Center, One-Stop Career Centers' Workforce Development Center, Employment Services, or Job Service), they are all committed to providing prompt, courteous, and customer-focused service. Each center represent a partnership involving federal, state, and local public and private service providers. They are overseen by community-based Workforce Investment Boards chaired by local businesspeople who determine the service priorities for their respective community.

You can learn the location of the One-Stop Career Center closest to where you live by accessing America's Workforce Network at <u>www.dol.gov</u>; or by calling the Toll-Free Help Line at 1-877-348-0502. (For TTY, call 1-877-348-0501).

Job Search

If you are looking for employment, JOBLINE, <u>www.jobline.net</u>, is a free public service provided by state agencies with assistance from the National Federation of the Blind and the United States Department of Labor. JOBLINE's international website contains job listings, information on resume writing, how to prepare a cover letter, and interviewing tips. It offers assistance in English, Spanish, German, French and Portugese. The service is available on the telephone 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

A touch-tone telephone is all that you need to establish your personalized job-search profile. The system asks you to use your telephone number for a profile number, or you may want to make up a profile number using your social security number and an extra digit. For example *SSN 111-22-3333* could be profile number *111-22<u>3</u>-3333* by adding an extra number such as the <u>3</u> in the example. The number that you entered will remain in effect for as long as you are seeking employment and using JOBLINE. The JOBLINE Toll-Free Number is 1-800-414-5748.

Physical and Mental Disability Employment and Training Services

Physical and mental disability employment and training services are available at One-Stop Career Centers and through other federal partners. The Disability Employment and Initiatives Unit of the Employment and Training Administration helps identify policies and to provide technical assistance to address barriers to work for people with disabilities. The President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities provides additional services, including a job recruitment program for people with disabilities, and a career exploration program for high school students with disabilities. A toll-free number for the Job Accommodations Network (800-526-7234) provides information on the employment provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

National Internet Resource Link:

Family Village–A global community of disability related resources. Internet address: <u>http://www.familyvillage.wisc.edu</u>.

Adult Training Programs

The Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration (ETA) funds adult training programs that teach job skills and provide job placement services for adults who are at least 18 years of age. The programs are administered locally by One Stop Career Centers. The types of training offered by a local training center can vary depending on the job opportunities in the community. To help locate training programs in your area, search for a One Stop Center in your state, visit America's Service Locator, or call ETA's Toll-Free Help Line at 1-877-872-5627, (TTY: 1-877-889-5267).

Native American Employment and Training Program

The Workforce Investment Act contains provisions aimed at supporting employment and training activities for Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian individuals. The Department of Labor's Division of Indian and Native American Programs (DINAP) funds grant programs that provide training opportunities at the local level for this target population. To find the program nearest you, look for a grant program in your state, contact your local One-Stop Center, or call ETA's toll-free help line at 1-877-872-5627, (TTY: 1-877-889-5267).

Senior Workers Employment Program

The Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) is a part-time employment program for low-income persons age 55 or over. Program participants work at community and government agencies and are paid the federal or state minimum wage, whichever is higher. They may also receive training, and can use their participation as a bridge to other employment positions which are not supported with federal funds. The program is administered by the Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration (ETA).

Apprenticeship

Apprenticeship is a combination of on-the-job training and related instruction in which workers learn the practical and theoretical aspects of a highly skilled occupation. Apprenticeship programs can be sponsored by individual employers, joint employer and labor groups, and/or employer associations. The Department of Labor's role is to safeguard the welfare of apprentices, ensure equality of access to apprenticeship programs, and provide integrated employment and training information to sponsors and the local employment and training community. Information about apprenticeship programs can be obtained from One-Stop Career Centers listed in the blue pages of your telephone book, from union locals listed in the white pages of the telephone book, or from the following Internet site: www.doleta.gov/atels_bat.

Employer Tax Credit Programs

The Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC), authorized by the Small Business Job Protection Act of 1996 (P.L.104-188), is a federal tax credit that encourages employers to hire targeted groups of job seekers by reducing employers' federal income tax liability by as much as \$2,400 per qualified new worker; \$750 if working 120 hours, or \$1,200 if working 400 hours or more per qualified summer youth.

Update: On October 4, 2004, the President signed into law the **Working Families Tax-Relief Act of 2004 (P. L. 108-311)**. This legislation extends the WOTC program and the **Welfare to Work** tax credits "without change" for a two-year period through December 31, 2005. The reauthorization is retroactive to December 31, 2003, and applies to new hires that began work for an employer on or after December 31, 2003 and before January 1, 2006.

The new employee must belong to a target group. The target group is defined in the law and the One Stop Career Center can assist you in determining your eligibility.

All new adult employees must work a minimum of 120 (or up to a maximum of 400) hours; summer youth must work at least 90 days between May 1 and September 15 before the employer is eligible to claim the tax credit. The tax credit for new hires employed 400 or more hours (or 180 days), is 35 percent of qualified wages for the first year of employment and 50 percent for the second year. Qualified wages are capped at \$10,000 per year. Wages include tax-exempt amounts received under accident or health plans as well as educational assistance and dependent assistance programs.

To receive certification that a new employee qualifies for this tax credit, the employer must:

-Complete the one page IRS Form 8850 (Appendix D) by the day the job offer is made;

-Complete the one page ETA Form 9061 or Form 9062 (**Appendix E**):

•if the new employee has already been conditionally certified as belonging to a WOTC target group, complete the bottom of ETA Form 9062 (and sign and date it) that he or she has been given by a State Employment Security Agency or participating agency.
•if the new employee has not been conditionally certified, the employer and/or the new employee must fill out and complete, sign and date ETA Form 9061.

-Mail the signed IRS and ETA forms to the employer's State Employment Security Agency. The IRS form must be mailed within 21 days of the employee's employment start date.

Welfare-to-Work

The Welfare-to-Work Tax Credit (WtW) is a federal income tax credit that encourages employers to hire long-term welfare recipients. Established by the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997,

this tax credit can reduce employers' federal tax liability by as much as \$8,500 per new hire.

You can get IRS Form 8850, the Work Opportunity and Welfare-to-Work Tax Credits Pre-Screening Notice and Certification Request, and instructions, by downloading from <u>www.irs.ustreas.gov</u>, or by calling 1-800-829-1040.

For more information call or visit your local public State Employment Security Agency whose address is located in the blue pages of the local telephone book. Information on how and where to find any of these services can be obtained by calling America's Workforce Network Toll-Free Help Line at 1-877-872-5627; or through the Internet at America's Service Locator at <u>www.servicelocator.org</u>.

FEDERAL BONDING PROGRAM

The federal bonding program is designed to help a job applicant get and keep a job. The program issues Fidelity Bonds and is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Labor. A fidelity bond is a business insurance policy that protects the employer in case of any loss of money or property due to employee dishonesty. To be eligible for the bond, the employer must schedule a date to start work. The Employment Service local office then requests The McLaughlin Company in Washington, DC, to issue to the employer a Fidelity Bond insurance policy covering the worker.

For further information call or write to Ron Rubbin, Federal Bonding Program, 1725 DeSales Street, NW, Suite 700, Washington, DC 20036. Telephone: 1-877-872-5627, or contact your state bonding coordinator. See **Appendix K** for a list of **State Bonding Coordinators**.)

UNICOR BONDING PROGRAM

A new program, initiated in February, 2006 provides a \$5,000 fidelity bond for employed exfederal prisoners who worked in Federal Prison Industries (UNICOR) for at least six months during incarceration. For additional information, contact the UNICOR bonding specialist at 202-305-3553 or write to <u>rxking@bop.gov.</u>

OTHER PROGRAMS NOT DIRECTLY RELATED TO EMPLOYMENT

Credit Reporting

You can request a free credit file disclosure, commonly called a credit report, once every 12 months from each of the nationwide consumer credit reporting companies: Equifax, Experian and TransUnion. Internet: <u>www.annualcreditreport.com</u>.

A credit file disclosure provides you with all of the information in your credit file maintained by a consumer reporting company. It is information that could be provided by the consumer reporting company in a consumer report about you to a third party, such as a lender.

A credit file disclosure also includes a record of everyone who has received a consumer report about you from the consumer reporting company within a certain period of time–known as "an "inquiry." The credit file disclosure includes certain information that is not included in a consumer report about you to a third party, such as the inquiries of companies for pre-approved offers of credit or insurance and account reviews, and any medical account information which is suppressed for third party users of consumer reports. You are entitled to receive a disclosure copy of your credit file from a consumer reporting company under federal law and the laws of various states.

You can request a free annual credit report by phone or mail and it will be mailed within 15 days, or call 1-877-322-8228 to request your credit reports by phone. You will go through a simple verification process over the phone and your report will be mailed to you. There is also a free request form that you can download from the website. You can request your credit report by mail by filling out the request form and mailing it to Annual Credit Report Request Service P.O. Box 105281 Atlanta, GA 30348-5281. Access <u>http://justicecenter.csg.org/media/pressreleases</u> for more information.

Food Stamp Program

The Food Stamp Program provides benefits to low-income people to buy food to improve their diets. Food stamp recipients spend their benefits (in the form of paper coupons or electronic benefits on debit cards) to buy eligible food in authorized retail food stores. The Food Stamp Program serves as the first line of defense against hunger. It enables low-income families to buy nutritious food with coupons and Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) cards. EBT is an electronic system that allows a recipient to authorize transfer of their government benefits from a federal account to a retailer account to pay for products received. Visit the USDA's pre-screening tool at www.foodstamps-step1.usda.gov.

-Food Stamp Eligibility Criteria

In order to qualify for this benefit program, you must fall into one of two groups: (1) those with a current bank balance (savings and checking combined) under \$2,001 who are responsible for a person or persons age 60 and under; or (2) those with a current bank balance (savings and checking combined) under \$3,001 who are responsible for a person 61 and over. •Food Stamp Program and how to apply. Visit: <u>www.fns.usda.gov/fsp</u>. •Food Stamp Program. Toll-free information number: 1-800-221-5689.

Public Housing

Housing information can be obtained from the local departments of housing. They are listed in the blue pages of the telephone book at your release destination. For those who do not have access to local information, contact the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), 451 7th Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20410. Telephone: (202) 708-1112, TTY: (202) 708-1455. Ex-offenders with drug and sex offender convictions and are ineligible for public housing in most localities. For information about eligibility restrictions call the toll-free 1-866-784-0492. Internet: www.hud.gov/renting/phprog.cfm.

State Governments' Interactive Chart of Re-Entry Housing Options

With funding support from the Bureau of Justice Assistance, the Council of State Governments (CSG) has developed a web-based tool to help users learn more about different re-entry housing

options available for people released from prison or jail. The chart compares housing types on several dimensions including potential funding sources, level of availability in the community, typical length of stay, and potential barriers to accessing a particular option. It also offers descriptions of programs that have successfully housed individuals returning to the community from prison or jail, and provides links to the programs' websites when available. To view this interactive chart, visit: www.tools.reentrypolicy.org/housing www.ent.groundspring.org/EmailNow/pub.php?module=URLTracker&cmd=trac

Homelessness Programs

The Department of Health and Human Services offers many programs, grants, and services. These help persons who have become homeless. For more information, contact the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 4517th Street S.W., Washington, DC 20410. Telephone: (202) 708-1112, TTY: (202) 708-1455, or contact the local department of health and human services in the blue pages of your telephone book

Additional information can be obtained from The Emergency Food and Shelter (EFSP) National Board Program at 701 North Fairfax Street, Suite 310, Alexandria, VA 22314-2064; or, telephone 703-706-9660, Fax: 703-706-9677.

Social Security Administration (SSA)

The SSA is responsible for administering retirement, survivors and disability benefits, and the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program. For more information, check the blue pages of the telephone book or write to: Social Security Administration, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland, 21235. The national toll free number is 1-800-772-1213; (TTY) 1-800-325-0778). Internet: www.ssa.gov.

-Social Security Disability Insurance

Social Security **disability** benefits can be paid only to people who have recently worked and paid Social Security taxes, and who are unable to work because of a serious medical condition that is expected to last at least a year or result in death. An individual who is a recent parolee or is unemployed does not qualify for disability benefits. No benefits are payable for months in which you are confined to a jail, prison, or other correctional facility. Social Security retirement benefits can only be paid to people who are 62 or older. Generally, you must have worked and paid taxes into Social Security for 10 years to be eligible, but your spouse or children, if they are eligible, can be paid benefits on your record, or you may receive benefits on the record of a spouse or former spouse.

-Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

SSI benefits can be paid to people who are 65 or older, blind or disabled, and who have low income and few resources. No SSI benefits are payable for any month that you are in a jail, prison, or certain other public institutions.

-Ticket to Work Program

The Ticket to Work and Work Incentive Improvement Act of 1999 provides an opportunity for people who receive social security disability benefits to work. It provides training and

employment opportunities for disabled individuals while allowing them to continue to receive social security benefits. Contact Maximus, Inc., at their toll free numbers (866) 968-7842, or (866) 833-2967 (TTY). Internet: <u>www.yourtickettowork.com</u>.

-Social Security Work History

To ensure accurate work information for your resume or sample application, you may want to request a statement of work history from the Social Security Administration. The SSA form and instructions are in **Appendix E**.

Domestic Violence Issues

The National Domestic Violence Hotline (NDVH) serves as the only center in the nation that is available for victims, friends and family who often call for life saving help. The hotline operates 24 hours a day in more than 140 languages: For assistance call: 1-800-799-7223 or 1-800-787-3224 (TTY). Internet: www.ndvh.org.

Medical Assistance

For information on medical assistance contact the health department at the location where you are released. You can find their number in the blue pages of the local telephone book. You may also write to The Department of Health and Human Services 200 Independence Ave, SW., Washington, DC 20201. Telephone: 1-877-696-6775 or 202-619-0257. Internet: <u>www.hhs.gov</u>. To find information about medicare call: 1-800-633-4227.

Children and Families of Adult Offenders

A directory of available programs can be downloaded at no charge at <u>www.nicic.org</u>, or call Family and Corrections Network at 434-589-3036.

Child Support Enforcement

The Child Support Enforcement (CSE) Program is a federal, state, and local effort to locate parents, their employers, and/or their assets; to establish paternity if necessary; and to establish and enforce child support orders. State and local CSE offices provide day to day operation of the program. The federal role is to provide funding, issue policies, ensure that federal requirements are met, and interact with other federal agencies that help support the CSE program.

In most states, CSE offices are listed under the human services agency in the local government section of the telephone directory. If there is not a separate listing, the human services agency information operator should be able to give you the number. Call your CSE office to learn how to apply for enforcement services and what documents (birth certificates, financial statements, etc.) you need to provide. They will answer your questions, or refer you to the state office that can. **Note: Be sure to indicate your release destination.** State Child Support Enforcement agencies are listed on the next page, including telephone numbers for local offices.

STATE CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT OFFICES

Alabama	(334) 242-9300
Alaska	(800) 478-3300
Arizona	(602) 252-4045
Arkansas	(501) 682-6169
	· /
California	(866) 249-0773
Colorado	(303) 866-4300
Connecticut	(860) 424-4989
Delaware	(302) 326-6200
DC	(202) 724-2131
Florida	(850) 488-8762
Georgia	(800) 227-7993
Guam	(671) 475-3324
Hawaii	(808) 692-7000
Idaho	(800) 356-9868
Illinois	(800) 447-4278
Indiana	(317) 233-5437
Iowa	(515) 281-5647
Kansas	(785) 296-3237
Kentucky	(502) 564-2285
Louisiana	(225) 342-4780
Maine	(800) 371-3101
Maryland	(800) 332-6347
Massachusetts	(617) 626-4064
Michigan	(517) 373-2035
Minnesota	(651) 296-4085
Mississippi	(800) 434-5437
Missouri	(800) 859-7999

(800) 346-5437
(402) 471-1400
(775) 684-0705
(800) 852-3345
(609) 588-2915
(505) 476-7207
(518) 474-9081
(919) 255-3800
(701) 328-3582
(614) 752-6561
(405) 522-5871
(503) 986-6166
(800) 932-0211
(787) 767-1500
(401) 222-4368
(803) 898-9210
(605) 773-3641
(615) 313-4880
(800) 252-8014
(801) 536-8901
(802) 786-3214
(340) 777-3070
(800) 257-9986
(360) 664-5000
(800) 249-3778
(608) 266-9909
(307) 777-7631

American Samoa (684) 633-4163

Source: <u>www.ocse.acf.hhs.gov/int/directories/index</u> Updated: January 2007

AIDS Treatment Data Network

The AIDS Treatment Data Network is an independent, community-based, not-for-profit, organization that provides treatment access and advocacy, case management, supportive counseling, and English and Spanish language information services to men, women, and children with AIDS, HIV and those co-infected with hepatitis. The nationwide toll-free number is: 212-260-8868 and 1-800-734-7104 in New York State. Internet: www.atdn.org.

-The National CDC STD/HIV Hotline (Treatment Only Offered in State of New York) The National CDC STD/HIV Hotline provides anonymous, confidential information on sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) and how to prevent them. It also provides referrals to clinical and other services. The nationwide toll-free number in English is 800-227-8922, in Spanish it is 800-344-7432, and TTY is 800-243-7889. Internet: www.cdc.gov/std/default.htm and www.cdc.gov/hiv/

Mental Health and Chemical Dependency Resources

Staff at the national/regional agencies listed below should be able to direct callers to mental health and chemical dependency resources in specified communities.

National Mental Health Association

2001 N. Beauregard St. 12th Floor Alexandria, VA 22311 (703) 684-7722 voice (703) 684-5968 fax (800) 969-6642 info line www.nmha.org

Department of Health and Human Services

National Health Information Center Referral Specialist P.O. Box 1133 Washington, D.C. 20013-1133 www.hhs.gov/

National Alliance for the Mentally Ill

Colonial Place Three 2107 Wilson Blvd., Suite 300 Arlington, VA 22201-3043 (703) 524-7600 voice (800) 950-6264 www.nami.org

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

1 Choke Cherry Road Room 8-1036 Rockville, MD 20857 www.samhsa.gov

SAMSHAS Workplace Program Helpline 1-800-662-HELP

The National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information POB 2345

Rockville, MD 20847-2345 Call Toll Free: 1-800-729-6686 Hablamos Español: 1-877-767-8432 Local Callers: (240) 221-4017 Fax: (240) 221-4292 www.healthfinder.gov/orgs/HR0027.htm

National Mental Health Information

Center P.O. Box 42557 Washington, DC 20015 1-800-789-2647 866-889-2647 (TDD)

American Council on Alcoholism

1000 E. Indian Road Phoenix, AZ 85014 (800) 527-5344 Toll Free www.aca-usa.org/

United Way of America

701 N. Fairfax Street Alexandria, VA 22314-2045 (703) 836-7112 www.unitedway.org/

The Salvation Army

National Headquarters 615 Slaters Lane P.O. Box 269 Alexandria, VA 22313 (703)-684-5500 www.salvationarmyusa.org/usn/

GovBenefits.gov

Government Benefits Internet Website provides a list of benefits you may be eligible to receive and information about how to apply for those programs.1-800-333-4636 www.govbenefits.gov/

HOW DO I GET MY BIRTH CERTIFICATE?

To obtain a copy of a birth certificate in the United States, write or go to the vital statistics office in the state or area where the event occurred. To ensure that you receive an quick and accurate record upon your request, follow these steps:

•Make your letters concise and to the point.

•Don't include more than 1 or 2 requests at a time and be careful not to write confusing details of your family history.

•Type or print all names and addresses in your letter.

•Provide complete information each individual and event for which you need documents. •Include all names, nicknames, and alternate spellings that were used. List dates and types of event as completely and accurately as possible. If you don't know the exact date, specify the span of years you wish searched and be prepared to pay for searches that span several years. Always provide a self addressed stamped envelope. Internet: www.usbirthcertificate.net/google/.

www.usbirincertificate.net/googie/.

Include the following information:

Date of request Full name (last name in caps) Sex Date of birth Place of birth (city or town, county, State, and name of the hospital, if known) Mother's maiden name Father's name Relationship to party The purpose for which the record is needed Requestor's name and address Requestor's driver's license number and state (some counties require it) Requestor's signature

Note: The addresses and telephone numbers of the state vital records contact offices are on the following page. You may call or write to them for vital documents. If you write, ask your counselor or case manager for assistance. You should also include a letter from your case manager or counselor indicating who you are or who you claim to be, and the purpose for requesting the record.

State Contacts for Vital Documents

Vital Records Fees for Services Are Subject to Change <u>www.cdc.gov/hch/howto/w2w.w2welcome</u>

(As of 12/27/2006)

Alabama

Alabama Vital Records P.O. Box 5625 Montgomery AL 36103-5625 334-206-5418 www.ph.state.al.us/chs/VitalRecords/birth/birth.html

Alaska

Department of Health and Social Services Bureau of Vital Statistics 5441 Commercial Blvd. Juneau AK 99801 907-465-3391 www.hss.state.ak.us/dph/bvs/birth/birth_form.pdf

American Samoa

America Samoa Government Registrar of Vital Records Pago Pago AS 96799 684-633-1406

Arizona

Office of Vital Records Arizona Department of Health Services P.O. Box 3887 Phoenix AZ 85030-3887 602-364-1300/888-816-5907 www.hs.state.az.us/vitalrcd/birth_index.htm

Arkansas

Vital Records POB 8184 Little Rock AR 72203-8184 1-866-209-9482 www.healthyarkansas.com

California

Office of Vital Records Department of Health Services MS5103 P.O. Box 997410 Sacramento CA 95899-7410 916-445-2684 www.dhs.ca.gov/hisp/chs/ovr/birthordercert.htm

Canal Zone Vital Records Section Passport Services 1111 19th St NW Suite 510 Washington DC 20522-1705 202-955-0307

Colorado

Vital Records Section CO Department of Public Health and Environment 4300 Cherry Creek Drive South HSVRD-VR-A1 Denver CO 80246-1530 303-692-2200 www.cdphe.state.co.us/hs/certs.asp

Connecticut

Vital Records Department of Public Health 410 Capitol Ave MS#11VRS Hartford CT 06106 860-509-7700 www.dph.state.ct.us/pb/hisr/vital_records.htm

Delaware

Office of Vital Statistics Division of Public Health Office of Vital Statistics 417 Federal Street Dover DE 19903 1-877-888-0248 www.state.de.us.gov/hss/dph/ss/vitalstats.html

District of Columbia

Vital Records Office 825 N Capitol St NE Washington DC 20002 202-442-9009 www.dchealth.dc.gov

Florida

Department of Health Office of Vital Statistics P.O. Box 210 Jacksonville FL 32231-0042 1-877-550-7330 (X-9000) www.doh.state.fl.us

Georgia

Georgia Department of Human Resources Vital Records 2600 Skyland Drive NE Atlanta GA 30319-3640 404-679-4701 www.state.ga.us/programs/vitalrecords

Guam

Office of Vital Statistics Department of Public Health and Social Services Government of Guam P.O. Box 2816 Agana, GU, M.I. 96910 671-735-7292

Hawaii

State Department of Health Office of Health Status Monitoring Vital Statistics Section P.O. Box 3378 Honolulu HI 96801 808-586-4539/808-586-4542 www.hawaii.gov/health/vital-records

Idaho

Bureau of Health Policy and Vital Statistics P.O. Box 83720 Boise ID 83720-0036 208-334-5988/1-800-926-2588 www.state.id.us/dhw

Illinois

Division of Vital Records IL Department of Public Health 605 W Jefferson St Springfield IL 62702-5097 217-782-6553 www.idph.state.il.us

Indiana

Vital Records Department State Department of Health 610 Washington Indianapolis IN 46204 317-233-2700 www.in.gov/isdh/form/vital records form.htm

Iowa

Iowa Department of Public Health Bureau of Vital Records Lucas Office Building-1st Floor 321 East 12th Street Des Moines IA 50319-0075 515-281-4944 www.idph.state.ia.us

Kansas

Office of Vital Statistics Curtis State Office Building 1000 SW Jackson Street Suite 120 Topeka KS 66612-2221 785-296-1500 www.kdhe.state.ks.us/vital

Kentucky

Office of Vital Statistics Department for Health Services 275 East Main Street Frankfort KY 40621-0001 502-564-4212 www.publichealth.state.ky.us/vital.htm

Louisiana

Office of Public Health Vital Records Registry POB 60630 New Orleans LA 70160 504-568-5152 www.dhh.state.la.us

Maine

Office of Vital Records Maine Department of Human Services 244 Water Street 11 State House Station Augusta ME 04333-0011 207-287-3181 www.state.me.us

Maryland

Division of Vital Records Department of Health and Mental Hygiene 6550 Reisterstown Road P.O. Box 68760 Baltimore MD 21215-0020 410-764-3038 www.mdpublichealth.org/vsa

Massachusetts

Registry of Vital Records and Statistics 150 Mount Vernon Street/1st Floor Dorchester MA 02125-3105 617-740-2600 www.state.ma.us/dph/bhsre/rvr/vrcopies.htm

Michigan

Vital Records Request P.O. Box 30721 Lansing MI 48909 517-335-8656 www.michigan.gov/mdch

Minnesota

Minnesota Department of Health Attention: Office of the State Registrar P.O. Box 9441 Minneapolis MN 55440-9441 612-676-5120 www.health.state.mn.us

Mississippi

Vital Records State Department of Health P.O. Box 1700 Jackson MS 39215-1700 601-576-7981 www.msdh.state.ms.us

Missouri

Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services Bureau of Vital Records 930 Wildwood P.O. Box 570 Jefferson City MO 65102-0570 573-751-6387 www.dhss.state.mo.us/birthanddeathrecords.html

Montana

Office of Vital Statistics MT Department of Public Health and Human Services 111 N Sanders - Room 209 P.O. Box 4210 Helena MT 59604 406-444-2685/1-800-877-1946 www.dphhs.state.mt.us

Nebraska

Vital Records 301 Centennial Mall South P.O. Box 95065 Lincoln NE 68509-5065 402-471-2871 www.hhs.state.ne.us/ced/cedindex.htm

Nevada

Office of Vital Records and Statistics Capitol Complex 505 East King Street Room 0102 Carson City NV 89710-4749 775-684-4242 www.health2k.state.ny.us

New Hampshire

Bureau of Vital Records Health and Welfare Building 29 Hazen Drive Concord NH 03301-6508 603-271-4650 www.dhhs.state.nh.us

New Jersey

NJ Vital Statistics Customer Service Unit P.O. Box 370 Trenton NJ 08625-0370 609-292-4087 www.state.nj.us/health/vital/vital.htm

New Mexico

New Mexico Vital Records P.O. Box 26110 Santa Fe NM 87502 509-841-4185 www.health.state.nm.us

New York (except New York City) Certification Unit Vital Records Section POB 2602 2nd Floor 800 N Pearl St Menands, NY 12204 518-474-3075 www.health.state.ny.us/vital_records

New York City

Office of Vital Records NY City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene 125 Worth St/CN4 Room 133 New York, NY 10013-4090 212-788-4520 www.nyc.gov/health

North Carolina

NC Vital Records 1903 Mail Service Center Raleigh NC 27699-1903 919-733-3526 www.schs.state.nc.us/SCHS

North Dakota

Division of Vital Records 600 East Boulevard Avenue Dept. 301 Bismarck ND 58505-0200 701-328-2360 www.dhealth.gov/vital

Northern Mariana Islands

Commonwealth Recorder Superior Court-Vital Records Section POB 37 Saipan MP 96950 670-236-9830 (phone) 670-236-9831 (fax) <u>Vitalrec.com</u>

Ohio

Vital Statistics Ohio Department of Health 246 N High Street 1st Floor Columbus OH 43216 614-466-2585/877-767-6446 www.vitalrec.com/oh.html

Oklahoma

Vital Records Service State Department of Health 1000 Northeast 10th Street Oklahoma City OK 73117 405-271-4040 www.health.state.ok.us/

Oregon

Oregon Vital Records P.O. Box 14050 Portland OR 97293-0050 503-731-4000 www.oregon.gov/DHS/ph/

Pennsylvania

Division of Vital Records 101 South Mercer Street Room 401 P.O. Box 1528 New Castle PA 16101 724-656-3100/1-877-PA-HEALTH www.dsf.health.state.pa.us

Puerto Rico

Department of Health Demographic Registry P.O. Box 11854 Fernandez Juncos Station San Juan PR 00910 787-767-9120

Rhode Island

Office of Vital Records Rhode Island Department of Health 3 Capitol Hill Room 101 Providence RI 02908-5097 401-222-2811/401-232-2812 www.health.state.ri.us

South Carolina

Office of Vital Records SC DHEC 2600 Bull Street Columbia SC 29201 803-898-3630 www.scdhec.net/vr

South Dakota

Vital Records State Department of Health 600 East Capitol Avenue Pierre SD 57501-2536 605-773-4961 www.state.sd.us/doh/vitalrec/vital.htm

Tennessee

Tennessee Vital Records Central Services Building 421 5th Avenue, North Nashville TN 37247 615-741-1763 www2.state.tn.us/health/vr/index.htm

Texas

Bureau of Vital Statistics Texas Department of Health P.O. Box 12040 Austin TX 78711-2040 512-458-7111/888-963-7111 www.dshs.state.tx.us/vs/

Utah

Office of Vital Records and Statistics Utah Department of Health 288 North 1460 West P.O. Box 141012 Salt Lake City UT 84114-1012 801-538-6105 www.health.utah.gov/vitalrecords

Vermont

Vermont Department of Health Vital Records Section P.O. Box 70 108 Cherry Street Burlington VT 05402-0070 802-828-3286 www.healthyvermonters.info.

Virginia

Office of Vital Records P.O. Box 1000 Richmond VA 23218-1000 804-662-6200 www.vdh.state.va.us

Virgin Islands

Department of Health Vital Statistics Charles Harwood Memorial Hospital St. Croix VI 00820 340-774-9000/ext. 4685 or 4686

Washington

Department of Health Center for Health Statistics P.O. Box 9709 Olympia WA 98507-9709 360-236-4300 www.doh.wa.gov/ehsph/chs/cert.htm

West Virginia

Vital Registration Office Room 165 350 Capitol Street Charleston WV 25301-3701 304-558-2931 www.wvdhhr.org

Wisconsin

Wisconsin Vital Records Office 1 West Wilson Street P.O. Box 309 Madison WI 53701-0309 608-266-1371 www.dhfs.state.wi.us/vitalrecords

Wyoming

Vital Records Services Hathaway Building Cheyenne WY 82002 307-777-7591 www.wdh.state.wy.us/vital_records

HOW DO I GET MY DRIVER'S LICENSE?

A driver's license is the best form of picture identification and can be a useful in your employment search. Contact the state department of motor vehicles where you will be released for information on how to reinstate or obtain a driver's license. Be sure to include your name, birth date, address, and social security number in your correspondence.

Note: A list of "State Contacts for Driver License Information" is provided on the next page.

State Contacts for Driver License Information

(as of 01/23/2008)

Find Updated DMV addresses at

www.onlinedmv.com/mailingaddresses.htm

Alabama Department of Public Safety Driver's License Division POB 1471 Montgomery, AL 36104 (334) 242-4400

Alaska Dept. of Motor Vehicles 2150 E. Dowling Road Anchorage, AK 99507 (907) 269-5551

Arizona Department of Transportation

Motor Vehicles Division P. O. Box 2100 Phoenix, AZ 85001-2100 (602) 255-0072 (Phoenix) (800)-252-5866 (Tucson)

Arkansas Office of Driver Services

7th & Wolfe Street Ragland Building Little Rock, AR 72203 (501) 682-7060

California Department of Motor Vehicles POB 942890 Sacramento, CA 24290-0001 (800)-777-0133

Colorado Department of Revenue

Motor Vehicle Division 1881 Pierce Street Lakewood, CO 80214 (303) 205-5600

Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles 60 State Street Wethersfield, CT 06161 (860) 263-5700

Delaware Department of Motor Vehicles Division of Motor Vehicles P.O. Box 698 Dover, DE 19903 (302) 744-2500

District of Columbia

Bureau of Motor Vehicle Services 301 "C" Street, NW Washington, DC 20001-2100 (202) 727-5000

Florida Department of Motor Vehicles

2900 Apalache Pkwy Neil Kirkman Bldg Tallahassee, FL 32399-0500 (850) 922-9000

Georgia Department of Driver Services POB 80447

Conyers, GA 30016 (678) 413-8400 (Metro Atlanta Area) (800) 866-754-3687

Hawaii Transportation Department

Driver License Section POB 30340 Honolulu, HI 96820-0340 (808) 832-2904

Idaho Transportation Department

Driver Services POBox 7129 Boise, ID 83707-1129 (208) 334-8735

Illinois Drivers Services

2701 S. Dirksen Pkwy Springfield, IL 62723 (217) 782-6212

Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles

100 North Senate Avenue Indianapolis, IN 46204 (317) 233-6000

Iowa Office of Driver Services

Park Fair Mall 100 Euclid Avenue Des Moines, IA 50306-9204 (515) 244-9124 or (515) 244-8725

Kansas Department of Motor Vehicles

Docking State Office Building 915 S.W. Harrison Street POB 2188 Topeka, KS 66625-2128 (780)-296-3963

Kentucky Division of Vehicle Licensing

200 Mero Street Frankfort, KY 40652 (502) 564-6800

Louisiana Office of Motor Vehicles P. O. Box 64886 Baton Rouge, LA 70896 (877) 368-5463

Maine Secretary of State

Bureau of Motor Vehicles State House Station 29 Augusta, ME 04333-0029 (207) 624-9000 (Ext. 52114)

Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration

6601 Ritchie Highway NE Glen Burnie, MD 21062 (410) 768-7274/301-729-4550

Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles

P O Box 55889 Boston, MA 02205-5889 (617) 351-4500

Michigan Department of State

Driver and Vehicle Records 7064 Crowner Drive Lansing, MI 48918 (888) 767-6424

Minnesota Department of Public Safety

Driver and Vehicle Services 445 Minnesota Street, Suite 180 St. Paul, MN 55101 (651) 296-6911

Mississippi Detachment of Public Safety Driver Services Bureau P. O. Box 958 Jackson, MS 39205 (601) 987-1200

Missouri Drivers License Bureau

301 West High Street/Room 470 Jefferson City, MO 65105-0200 (573) 751-4600

Montana Drivers Services Bureau

P. O. Box 201430 Helena, MT 59620-1430 (406) 444-3244

Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles 301 Centennial Mall South POB 94789

Lincoln, NE 68509-4789 (402) 471-3981

Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles 555 Wright Way Carson City, NV 89711-0400

(877) 368-7828

New Hampshire Department of Safety

Division of Motor Vehicles James H. Hayes Bldg 23 Hazen Drive Concord, NH 03305 (603) 271-2371

New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission POB 009 Trenton, NJ 08666 609-292-6500

New Mexico Taxation & Revenue Dept.

Motor Vehicle Division P. O. Box 1028 Santa Fe, NM 87504-1028 1-888-683-4636

New York State Dept. of Motor Vehicles 6 Empire State Plaza Albany, NY 12228 Outside NY-518-473-5595 (800) 225-5368 (212)-645-5550

North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles 3148 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 2769-3101 (919) 715-7000

North Dakota Division of Motor Vehicles

Driver's License and Traffic Safety 608 East Boulevard Bismark, ND 58505-0700 (701) 328-2600

Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles

1970 West Broad Street Columbus, Ohio 43223-1101 (614) 752-7600

Oklahoma Department of Public Safety

3600 North Martin Luther King Boulevard Oklahoma City, OK 73111 (405) 425-2424

Oregon Driver & Motor Vehicle Services Branch

1905 Lana Avenue, NE Salem, OR 97314 (503) 945-5000

Pennsylvania Department of Transportation

Driver and Vehicle Services 1101 South Front Street Harrisburg, PA 17104 (717) 412-5300

Rhode Island Division of Motor Vehicles

100 Main Street Pawtucket, RI 02860 (401) 588-3020

South Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles P. O. Box 1498 Blythewood, SC 29016 (803) 896-5000

South Dakota Department of Public Safety Drivers Licensing 118 West Capitol Avenue Pierre, SD 57501 (605) 773-6883

Tennessee Department of Safety

Driver License Issuance Division 1150 Foster Avenue Nashville, Tennessee 37249

Texas Department of Public Safety

POB 4087 Austin, TX 78773-0001 (512) 424-2600 (English) (512) 424-7181 (Spanish)

State of Vermont

Department of Motor Vehicles 120 State Street Montpelier, Vermont 05603-0001 (802) 828-2000

Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles

P. O. Box 27412 Richmond, VA 23269 866-368-5463 800-435-5137

Washington Department of Licensing

P. O. Box 9030 Olympia, WA 98507-9030 (360) 902-3600

West Virginia Department of Transportation

Building 3, Room 113 1800 Kanawha Boulevard East Charleston, WV 25317 1-800-642-9066 (304) 558-3900

Wisconsin Department of Transportation Bureau of Drivers Services

4802 Sheboygan Ave P.O. Box 7918 Madison, WI 53707-7918 (608) 266-2353

Wyoming Department of Transportation

Driver Services Division 5300 Bishop Blvd Cheyenne, WY 82009-13340 (307) 777-4800

Veterans Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Service (VR&E)

Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment is the VA program that assists veterans with serviceconnected disabilities to achieve employment or to enhance their ability to function independently at home and in the community.

Benefits include burial, pension, health, home loan, education, life insurance, and vocational rehabilitation. If you are a veteran and want to find out if you are eligible for benefits, contact the VA on their toll-free telephone number at 1-800-827-1000.

For a free pamphlet, *Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents*, contact the Veterans Administration, Office of Public Affairs (80D), 810 Vermont Ave, NW., Washington, DC 20420. To apply for Vocational Rehabilitation and Independent Living Services call the toll-free telephone number, 1-800-827-1000 to request VA Form 28-8832.

-Other VA Provided Services and Their Application Procedures:

The VA also provides available vocational and educational guidance and counseling to assist service-members, veterans, and certain dependents of veterans select appropriate career goals and training institutions that use VA educational benefits. Call the nationwide VA toll-free telephone number at 1-800-827-1000 to request VA Form 28-8832, Application for Vocational-Educational Counseling. Internet: <u>www.vba.va.gov/pubs/educationforms.htm</u> for an application for education benefits; or, <u>www.gibill.va.gov/</u> to access the VA's education web site. If you would like additional information on any of the VA Education programs, please check the Internet: <u>www.vba.va.gov/bln/vre/regional_offices.htm.</u>

HOW CAN I GET MONEY TO CONTINUE MY EDUCATION?

Federal Student Financial Aid

Federal Student Financial Aid consists of Stafford Loans, PLUS Loans, Consolidation Loans, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (FSEOGs), Federal Work-Study, Federal Perkins Loans, and Pell Grants. A Federal Pell Grant, unlike a loan, does not have to be repaid. Generally, Pell Grants are awarded only to undergraduate students who have not earned a bachelor's or professional degree. (A professional degree is usually earned after earning a bachelor's degree in a field such as medicine, law, or dentistry.) For more information, contact: **Federal Student Aid Information Center, POB 84, Washington, DC 20044; or call 1-800-433-3243**

Inmate Bank Accounts

According to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, there is no federal regulation that prohibits inmates or ex-offenders from possessing bank accounts. The FDIC provides deposit

insurance which currently guarantees checking and savings deposits in member banks up to \$100,000 per depositor.

-Special Note for those with drug convictions:

A law enacted in July 1, 2001 suspends aid eligibility for students convicted under federal or state law of sale or possession of drugs. If you have been convicted for selling drugs, you will be ineligible for two years from the date of your conviction after the first offense, and indefinitely after the second offense.

The **Free Application for Federal Student Aid** (**FAFSA**), is a form that can be filled out annually by current and anticipating university students (both undergraduate and graduate) to determine their eligibility for federal student financial aid (including grants, loans, and work-study programs). Call 1-800- 433-3243 for more information, or go to <u>www.fafsa.ed.gov</u>, click on "Worksheets" in the left column, then select "Drug Worksheet." Even if you're ineligible for federal aid, you should complete the FAFSA because schools and states use the information in awarding nonfederal aid. You must complete Question 31 of the FAFSA; if you leave it blank, you'll automatically become ineligible for federal student aid.

Loss of Eligibility

Current legislation modifies the ban on student federal financial aid for people convicted of drug crimes to enable people in recovery from drug and alcohol addiction and others with a past drug conviction. Under S. 1932, Public Law 109-171, students who were convicted of drug crimes prior to their enrollment and application for federal financial aid will be eligible for aid. As of July 1, 2006, the federal financial aid ban will only apply to students who are convicted of a drug offense while they are in school and receiving federal financial assistance. For more information, see Section 12 of Public Law 109-171, the Second Chance Act of 2005.

If you are ineligible for federal aid, you should complete the FAFSA because you may be eligible for non-federal aid from states and private institutions. If you regain eligibility during the award year, notify the financial aid administrator at the school that you attend immediately. If you are convicted of a drug-related offense after you submit the FAFSA, you may lose eligibility for federal student aid and you may be liable to return any financial aid received during a period of ineligibility. When you apply for funds from the Student Financial Aid (SFA) programs, the U. S. Department of Education verifies some of your information with the following federal agencies: Social Security Administration, Selective Service System, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice, and Department of Veterans Affairs.

Special Education Assistance

The National Association of Private Special Education Centers (NAPSEC) is a non-profit association whose mission is to represent private special education programs and affiliated state associations and to ensure access for individuals to appropriate private special education programs and services. Contact **NAPSEC**,1522 K Street, NW, Suite 1032, Washington, DC 20005. Phone: 202-408-3338; Fax: 202-408-3340; Email: <u>napsec@aol.com.</u> Internet: <u>www.napsec.org</u>

For additional information about college programs, access Funding Education Beyond High School (The Guide to Federal Student Aid 2008-2009). Internet: <u>www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov</u>; or e-mail your request to <u>orders@FSApubs.org</u>.

Ex-offenders Voting Rights by States

Convicted felons and ex-offenders typically lose their right to vote in state and federal elections. Almost all states have "disenfranchisement" laws. Only two states, Maine and Vermont, do not place restrictions on an ex-offender's right to vote. Check your local election board for information about voting rights for your state, or access The Sentencing Project website at: <u>http://www.sentencingproject.org</u>.

Expungement of Criminal Records

To expunge criminal records is to clear a person's record of a crime committed. A legal professional may assist you to determine how to expunge your record in your state. For more information, check the Internet: <u>www.findcriminal-recordsonline.com.</u>

Appendix A

JOB SEARCH INFORMATION

Adapted from the U.S. Department of Labor publication, "Tips for Finding the Right Job."

Job Tips for the Ex-offender

Dealing with potential employers is never an easy task for clients with criminal records. Exoffenders who lie on a job application may get hired, but then fired if their record becomes known. Those who are honest may feel like they never even get a chance. Although there are no magic formulas for dealing with this sensitive situation, the following hints may be helpful. See your release preparation coordinator for more information.

Make a "To Do List" every day and outline daily activities to look for a job.

-Apply for jobs early in the day. This will make a good impression and give you time to complete applications, have interviews, take tests, etc.

-Call employers to find out the best times to apply. Some companies take applications only on certain days and times during the week.

-Write down all employers you contact, the date of your contacts, people you talk to, and special notes about your contacts.

-Apply at several companies in the same area when possible. This saves time and money.

-Be prepared. Have a "master application" and resumes, pens, maps and job information with you all the time. Who knows when a "hot lead" will come your way.

-Follow up leads immediately. If you find out about a job late in the day, call right then! Don't wait until the next day.

Check Points

--Look for job openings with employers who need your job skills.

--Networking. Tell everyone you know you're looking for a job. Ask about openings where your friends work.

--State Employment Service Offices provide help to find jobs and other services, such as career counseling.

--Local public libraries have books on occupations and sometime post local job announcements. -Community colleges and trade schools sometimes offer counseling and job information to students and the general public.

-Faith-based organizations sometimes offer employment services or provide job search help. -Government sponsored training programs offer direct placement or short-term training and placement for qualified applicants. Check the yellow pages under Job Training Programs or Government Services.

–Journals and newsletters for professionals or trade associations often advertise job openings in their fields. Ask for these at the public library.

<u>Resume</u>

Be sure to prepare an appropriate resume. You should have enough copies of your resume so that you can leave one with each job interview. If you have several different skills (e.g. short order cook, and heating and air conditioning installer/repairman), you may want to prepare separate resumes. (See Appendix B)

A resume is a brief summary of your abilities, education, and skills. A resume has one purpose-to get you a job interview. To get someone to interview you, your resume must quickly show that you are worth an interview.

Gather and check all necessary information. Write down headings such as Education, Experience, Honors, Skills, Activities, and Position. Enter the following information beneath each heading: ■Education can include GED, training certificates, special seminars, summer school, or night school as well as college and university courses. List degrees and month/year obtained, names and locations of schools, and a brief summary of important courses you have taken.

Experience is full-time paid jobs, academic research projects, internship or co-op positions, parttime jobs, or volunteer work. List the month/years you worked, position, name and location of employer, and your responsibilities at each place.

■Honors is a list of any academic awards (scholarships, fellowships, honors list), professional awards or recognition, or community awards.

Skills is a list of computer languages and software, research, laboratory, teaching or tutoring, communication, leadership or athletic, among others.

Activities is a list of academic, professional, or community organizations in which you hold office or are currently a member. List professional and community activities, including volunteer work. Listing extra-curricular activities or hobbies is optional.

■Position defines the kind of position you want for this job-search. Make notes. Now match your wishes up with positions that are actually available. You can get this information through job postings, ads, personal contacts, or your own research.

Check for accuracy. You will need full names, full addresses, correct and consistent dates, and correct spellings. Look over what you have written and try to select details of your education, experience, honors, skills, and activities that match an employer's needs in a few more important areas. Organize the resume effectively.

One final suggestion. You should include a separate cover letter when sending your resume to a prospective employer. The letter should indicate your interest in a particular company or position, summarize the most important parts of your education and experience, and let the employer know where and when you can be contacted for an interview.

Job Applications

If you are asked about felony convictions on an application, consider putting in "will discuss during interview." Since the purpose of an application is to get an interview for the job, putting "will discuss" instead of the possibly damaging information, you are encouraging the employer to either give you the interview to get more information, or eliminate you without really knowing why. If you are a qualified applicant, most employers will want to interview you. (See Appendix C)

Remember: When you fill out a job application in a company's employment office you should be groomed and dressed as if you were going on an interview. Sometimes you will be interviewed on the spot. When you file an application don't forget about it and hope the employer calls you. Follow-up–usually after 5-7 days. A phone call to check on the status of your application is recommended. In fact, the best advice any job seeker can get is "Don't give up!" There will probably be many "nos" before you get a job. However, if you're willing to work at getting a job, you will be successful. Good luck!

Possible Phone Scripts for Job Search Situations

FOR CLASSIFIED AD:

 Hello, my name is ______. I'm calling about the (job title)
 position

 advertised in (name of newspaper & edition, i.e. Sunday's, yesterday's)______.
 position

 I've had (number of years, or use "a lot" instead of a specific number of years)______ of
 of

 experience n this field and would like to set up a time for us to get together and discuss this job in more detail.
 more detail.

FOR COLD CALL:

Hello, my name is______. I'm calling to see if you have any openings for (job your interested in)______. I've had (number of years, or use "a lot" instead of a specific number of years)_____ of experience in this field and would like to set up a time for us to get together and discuss this job in more detail.

IF THEY DON'T HAVE OPENINGS

Would it be possible for me to come down and fill out an application in case any positions become available? Do you know of any (job title)______ openings in the area? **Remember:**

- Be polite. Whether you get the results you want or not, thank the person for taking the time to speak with you.
- Be prepared to answer questions about your background and/or experience.
- Have a pen and paper handy to take down information or directions.
- Be prepared to set up an interview.

This script will give you an idea of how to talk to an employer on the phone. You should always use your own words and use language with which you are comfortable. **AVOID SLANG**.

EXPLAINING A FELONY CONVICTION TO AN EMPLOYER

For an ex-offender, the most dreaded part of he job search can be explaining a felony conviction to a potential employer. Many ex-offenders have never honestly answered the question, "Have you ever been convicted of a crime?" on an application. As a result, they drift in and out of employment, staying with a job until the employer finds out through a background check, a call from a parole agent, or some other way.

Ex-offenders may be fired for falsifying information on their job application, not because they are ex-offenders. A company may hire ex-offenders, but have a policy of terminating anyone for lying on the application.

It is up to you whether you tell an employer about felony convictions. But we believe that "*honesty is the best policy*." Our experience shows that *HOW* you communicate this information makes a difference. You must see yourself as a worthwhile and valuable asset who has the skills and abilities an employer needs, not as an ex-convict unworthy of employment. You need a positive self-image and confidence in your skills and abilities.

The federal Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC) is available as an incentive to hire ex-offenders and others who may have difficulty in getting work. The Federal Bonding Program, in states where it is available, or the UNICOR Bond Program for federal ex-offenders, allows employers to hire ex-felons and bond them. These incentives, along with your positive attitude and qualifications, can make you an attractive job candidate.

Appendix B

SAMPLE RESUME

Example: Simple Chronological Resume

Your Name Street Address Your Town, IN 47000 Phone: (000) 000-0101 FAX: (000) 000-1100 E-mail: yourname@online.serv

Job Objective

This is a very brief statement on "the type of work" you are seeking. This is the first place an employer looks on any resume. It tells the employer your purpose in finding a job.

Highlights of Qualifications

List the main qualities that make you qualified for the job, including character traits, chief skills and strengths. Include significant commendations, awards, and honors you have received for previous jobs.

Relevant skills and experience

•List all dates of employment by the most recent job first

- •Name(s) of employers and organizations
- •Title(s) of the positions you held
- •Brief description of your job responsibilities for each past position

Education

References

Provide past job references as requested

Chronological Resume (Example)

Name

Address

Telephone Number(s) (Day); Evening

Job Objective:

Match with qualifications, employment, and education

Highlights of Qualifications:

Number of years experience
Quick learner
Dependable, timely worker
Easy personality and works well with others

Employment History

From (Month/Year) to Present (List all past employers in this format) Name and Address of Employer: Title:

•Prepare (use action words to describe duties)

- •Demonstrate
- •Manage
- •Coordinate

Education

List School(s) and locations Graduated? Diploma? Degree?

References

Available upon request of employer

Appendix C

SAMPLE JOB APPLICATION

Sample Job Application

The following sample job application will give you an idea of what to expect when you apply for a job. You may be asked to fill out an application on the day of the interview, so make sure you are prepared to provide any necessary information about yourself and your employment history.

Retail Systems Corporation--Application for Employment

Personal Information

First Name: Middle Name: Last Name: Social Security Num				
Street Address: City:			County:	
Home Phone: Business Phone:				
Have you ever applie Yes: No:				
Position Desired				
Desired Salary: \$	in a different z located below.	-		e, please indicate where
Work Eligibility Are you eligible to w				
Are you available to When will you be available Are you 17 or older?	ailable to begin	n work?/_)
Have you been convi Yes: No: If yes, please explain	cted of or plea	ded no contest to	•	ast five years?
•	ral turpitude, su ated crimes wit	uch as misdemear hin the last five (nor petty theft, burgl 5) years? * Yes:	n act of dishonesty, or ary, fraud, writing bad No:
				-

Do you have other special training or skills (additional spoken or written languages, computer software knowledge, machine operation experience, etc.)?

		-
How did you hear of our organizatio	n?	
*Conviction of a crime, or pleading a from the job for which you are apply time, job relatedness, and other relev	ving. Each conviction or plea will	
Availability		
Days Available Sun Mon Tues Wo Total Hours Available: Hou		
Education		
High School:	City:	State:
College:	City:	State:
Course of Study:	# of Yea	rs Completed:
Did You Graduate? Yes: N	o: Degree:	
Employment History		
Please give accurate and complete fu employer. Include military experience	1 0	with present or most recent
Position #1		
Company Name:	City:	State:
Company Phone Number:		
Job Title:		
Name of Supervisor:		
Employed (Month and Year) From:	10:	
Weekly Pay: Describe your work:		
May we contact this employer? Yes:	No:	
If not, why not?		
Reason for leaving:		
Position #2		
Company Name:		State:
Company Phone Number:		
Job Title:		

Name of Supervisor: Employed (Month and Year) From: Weekly Pay: Describe your work:	To:	
May we contact this employer? Yes: If not, why not? Reason for leaving:		
Position #3 Company Name: Company Phone Number: Job Title: Nome of Supervisor:		State:
Name of Supervisor: Employed (Month and Year) From: Weekly Pay: Describe your work:	To:	
May we contact this employer? Yes: If not, why not? Reason for leaving:		

Agreement of the Transfer of Information

I declare the information provided by me in this application is true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that if employed, any falsification, misstatement, or omission of fact in connection with my application, whether on this document or not, may result in immediate termination of employment. I authorize you to verify any and all information provided above.

I acknowledge that employment may be conditional upon successful completion of a substance abuse screening test as part of the Company's pre-employment policy.

I acknowledge that if I become employed, I will be free to terminate my employment at any time for any reason, and that RSC retains the same rights. No RSC representative has the authority to make any contrary agreement.

I understand it is unlawful to require or administer a lie detector test as a condition of employment or continued employment. An employer who violates this law shall be subject to criminal and/or civil liabilities.

Signature:	Date:
Printed Name:	

Appendix D

IRS FORM 8850 (Work Opportunity Tax Credit)





Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

(Rev. February 2007)

Pre-Screening Notice and Certification Request for the Work Opportunity Credit

General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

What's New

The Tax Relief and Health Care Act of 2006 extended the work opportunity and welfare-to-work credits to cover individuals who begin work for the employer before January 1, 2008. In addition, for individuals who begin work for the employer after December 31, 2006, the Act provides that the welfare-to-work credit will be combined with the work opportunity credit. To carry out these changes, section 51 was amended, and section 51A was repealed.

The Form 8850 that you are required to file with the work opportunity tax credit (WOTC) coordinator for your state workforce agency (SWA) is now due no later than the 28th day after the job applicant begins work for you.

For employees who begin work after December 31. 2006, the following changes pertaining to targeted group members apply.

 Ex-felons are no longer required to be a member of a low-income family.

 Food stamp recipients must be at least age 18 when hired, but not age 40 or older.

Note. The February 2007 revision of Form 8850 and its instructions makes minor updates to the January 2007 revisions. Employers may continue to use the January 2007 revision of Form 8850.

Purpose of Form

Employers use Form 8850 to pre-screen and to make a written request to a SWA (unless the employee checks only the Hurricane Katrina employee box) to certify an individual as a member of a targeted group for purposes of qualifying for the work opportunity credit.

Submitting Form 8850 to the SWA (unless the employee checks only the Hurricane Katrina employee box) is but one step in the process of qualifying for the work opportunity credit. The state WOTC coordinator for the SWA must certify the job applicant is a member of a targeted group. After starting work, the employee must meet the minimum number-of-hours-worked requirement for the work opportunity credit. The employer elects to take the credit by filing Form 5884, Work Opportunity Credit.



The certification requirements described above do not apply to Hurricane Katrina employees. For an employer of a Hurricane Katrina employee, this form is used to accept reasonable evidence that the worker is a Hurricane Katrina employee. It is the employer's responsibility to ascentain that the place where the employee lived on August 28, 2005, (the address on line 1 of the form) is in fact in the core disaster area (see pages 2 and 3 for a list of these

areas). The employer is not required to ask employees to furnish any documentary evidence.

Who Should Complete and Sign the Form

The job applicant gives information to the employer on or before the day a job offer is made. This information is entered on Form 8850. Based on the applicant's information, the employer determines whether or not he or she believes the applicant is a member of a targeted group (as defined under Members of Targeted Groups). If the employer believes the applicant is a member of a targeted group, the employer completes the rest of the form no later than the day the job offer is made. Both the job applicant and the employer must sign Form 8850 no later than the date for submitting the form to the SWA.

Instructions for Employer

When and Where To File

Do not file Form 8850 with the Internal Revenue Service. Instead, if required, file it with your SWA no later than the 28th day after the job applicant begins work for you. Although electronic filing of Form 8850 is permitted, at the time these instructions were published, Colorado was the only state equipped to receive Form 8850 electronically. See Announcement 2002-44 for details. You can find Announcement 2002-44 on page 809 of Internal Revenue Bulletin 2002-17 at www.irs.gov/pub/irs-irbs/irb02-17.pdf.

To get the name, address, phone and fax numbers, and email address of the WOTC coordinator for your state, visit the Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration (ETA) website at www.doleta.gov/business/Incentives/opptax.

Never include Form 8850 with a tax return or otherwise send it to the IRS, regardless of the employee's targeted group. Form 8850 should be filed with the SWA unless the employee checks only the Hurricane Katrina employee box, in which case the employer should keep the Form 8850 for its records.

Additional Requirements for Certification

In addition to filing Form 8850, you must complete and send to your state WOTC coordinator either:

 ETA Form 9062, Conditional Certification Form, if the job applicant received this form from a participating agency (e.g., the Jobs Corps) or

 ETA Form 9061, Individual Characteristics Form, if the job applicant did not receive a conditional certification.

You can get ETA Form 9061 from your local public employment service office or you can download it from the ETA website at

www.doleta.gov/business/Incentives/opptax.

Recordkeeping

Keep copies of Forms 8850, any transmittal letters that you submit to your state WOTC coordinator, and certification letters you receive from your WOTC coordinator as long as they may be needed for the administration of the Internal Revenue Code provisions relating to the work opportunity credit. Records that support the credit usually must be kept for 3 years from the date any income tax return claiming the credit is due or filed, whichever is later.

Hurricane Katrina employee. Form 8850 should not be filed with the SWA for employees who check only box 1 on Form 8850. Employers should keep Form 8850 for their records. If a prior version of Form 8850 was sent to the SWA indicating the employee is a Hurricane Katrina employee, the employer and employee should complete this version of Form 8850 for the employer to retain for its records. Do not attach Form 8850 to a tax return.

Members of Targeted Groups

A job applicant may be certified as a member of a targeted group if he or she is described in one of the following groups.

1. Qualified IV-A recipient. An individual who is a member of a family receiving assistance under a state plan approved under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act relating to Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF). The assistance must be received for any 9 months during the 18-month period that ends on the hiring date.

 Qualified veteran. A veteran who is a member of a family receiving assistance under the Food Stamp program for at least a 3-month period during the 15-month period ending on the hiring date. See section 51(d)(3). To be considered a veteran, the applicant must:

 Have served on active duty (not including training) in the Armed Forces of the United States for more than 180 days or have been discharged or released from active duty for a service-connected disability and

• Not have a period of active duty (not including training) of more than 90 days that ended during the 60-day period ending on the hiring date.

3. Qualified ex-felon. An ex-felon who has been convicted of a felony under any Federal or state law, and is hired not more than 1 year after the conviction or release from prison for that felony.

 High-risk youth. An individual who is at least 18 but not yet 25 on the hiring date and lives within an empowerment zone, enterprise community, or renewal community.

5. Vocational rehabilitation referral. An individual who has a physical or mental disability resulting in a substantial handicap to employment and who was referred to the employer upon completion of (or while receiving) rehabilitation services by a rehabilitation agency approved by the state, an employment network under the Ticket to Work program, or the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Summer youth employee. An individual who:

 Performs services for the employer between May 1 and September 15,

 Is age 16 but not yet age 18 on the hiring date (or if later, on May 1),

Has never worked for the employer before, and
Lives within an empowerment zone, enterprise

community, or renewal community. 7. Food stamp recipient. An individual who:

 Is at least age 18 but not yet age 40 on the hiring date, and

Is a member of a family that—

a. Has received food stamps for the 6-month period ending on the hiring date or

b. Is no longer eligible for such assistance under section 6(o) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977, but the family received food stamps for at least 3 months of the 5-month period ending on the hiring date.

8. SSI recipient. An individual who is receiving supplemental security income benefits under title XVI of the Social Security Act (including benefits of the type described in section 1616 of the Social Security Act or section 212 of Public Law 93-66) for any month ending within the 60-day period ending on the hiring date.

 Long-term family assistance recipient. An individual who is a member of a family that:

 Has received TANF payments for at least 18 consecutive months ending on the hiring date, or

 Receives TANF payments for any 18 months (whether or not consecutive) beginning after August 5, 1997, and the earliest 18-month period beginning after August 5, 1997, ended within the last 2 years, or

 Stopped being eligible for TANF payments because Federal or state law limits the maximum period such assistance is payable and the individual is hired not more than 2 years after such eligibility ended.

10. **Hurricane Katrina employee.** A Hurricane Katrina employee is a person who, on August 28, 2005, had a main home in the core disaster area and, within a two-year period beginning on this date, is hired to perform services principally in the core disaster area.

Gulf Opportunity (GO) Zone (Core Disaster Area). The GO Zone (also called the core disaster area) covers the portion of the Hurricane Katrina disaster area determined by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to be eligible for either individual only or both individual and public assistance from the Federal Government. The GO Zone covers the following areas in three states.

a. Alabama. The counties of Baldwin, Choctaw, Clarke, Greene, Hale, Marengo, Mobile, Pickens, Sumter, Tuscaloosa, and Washington.

b. Louisiana. The parishes of Acadia, Ascension, Assumption, Calcasieu, Cameron, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Iberia, Iberville, Jefferson, Jefferson Davis, Lafayette, Lafourche, Livingston, Orleans, Plaquemines, Pointe Coupee, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. Helena, St. James, St. John the Baptist, St. Martin, St. Mary, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Terrebonne, Vermilion, Washington, West Baton Rouge, and West Feliciana.

c. **Mississippi.** The counties of Adams, Amite, Attala, Choctow, Claiborne, Clarke, Copiah, Covington, Forrest, Franklin, George, Greene, Hancock, Harrison, Hinds, Holmes, Humphreys, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Jefferson Davis, Jones, Kemper, Lamar, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Leake, Lincoln, Lowndes, Madison, Marion, Neshoba, Newton, Noxubee, Oktibbeha, Pearl River, Perry, Pike, Rankin, Scott, Simpson, Smith, Stone, Walthall, Warren, Wayne, Wilkinson, Winston, and Yazoo.

Empowerment zones, enterprise communities, and renewal communities. For details on all empowerment zones, enterprise communities, and renewal communities, you can use the RC/EZ/EC Address Locator at

http://egis.hud.gov/egis/cpd/rcezec/welcome.htm. For details about empowerment zones, enterprise communities, and renewal communities, call 1-800-998-9999, or contact your SWA. For more information about empowerment zones, enterprise communities, and renewal communities, see Publication 954, Tax Incentives for Distressed Communities.

Washington, DC. Under section 1400, parts of Washington, DC, are treated as an empowerment zone. For details, use the RC/EZ/EC Address Locator at http://egis.hud.gov/egis/cpd/rcezec/welcome.htm or see Notice 98-57, on page 9 of Internal Revenue Bulletin 1998-47 at www.irs.gov/pub/irs-irbs/irb98-47.pdf.



There are no designated areas in Colorado, Delaware, Idaho, Ĭowa, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Rhode Island, or Wyoming. There are also no areas designated in Puerto Rico, Guam, or any U.S. possession.

Member of a Family

With respect to the gualified IV-A recipient, gualified veteran, food stamp recipient, and long-term family assistance recipient, an individual whose family receives assistance for the requisite period meets the family assistance requirement of the applicable group if the individual is included on the grant (and thus receives assistance) for some portion of the specified period.

Appendix E

U.S. DOL FORM ETA-9061

Individual Characteristics Form Work Opportunity and	U.S. Department of Labo Employment & Training Administ	
Welfare-to-Work Tax Credits		
1, CONTROL NO. (For Agency Use Only)	Individual Information	OMB No. 1205-0371
(FOLAGEIRY USE ONLY)	(Instructions on the Back)	2. DATE RECEIVED (For Agency Use Only)
3. EMPLOYER NAME/ADDRESS	4. EMPLOYER FEDERAL ID NO.	5. EMPLOYMENT START DATE: Starting Wage:
	6. Have you worked for the above employer before?	\$ per hour
	Yes No	POSITION:
7. NAME OF INDIVIDUAL (Last, First, Middle)		8. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER:
The above named individual is determi	ned to have the following characteristics for WO	TC Target Group Certification:
9. Age between 18 - 25?	10. Is a veteran and a member of a	11. Is a member of a family that received
Yes No	family that received Food Stamps fora period of at least 3 months in the last 15 months.	TANF benefits for any 9 months in the last 18 months. Yes No
If YES, indicate your "Date of Birth" below: Date of Birth:	Yes No If YES, also complete Box 17.	If YES, also complete Box 17.
12. Is a member of a family that received Food Stamps for the last 8 months. Yes No or	13. In the past year has been <u>convicted</u> of a felony or <u>released</u> from prison after a felony conviction.	14. Lives and plans to continue living in a federal Empowerment Zone, Enterprise Round II or Renewal Community.
for at least a 3-month period within the last 5 mont BUT is no longer receiving them.	hs, If YES, complete below:	Yes No
YesNo	Date of Conviction	16. Received Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits for any month ending within the last
	Date of Release	60 days. Yes No
If YES to either, also complete Box 17.	Total income for the 6 months prior to hire date for all family members living in the same household.	
 Is receiving or has received Rehabilitation Services through a State Rehabilitation Services' program or the Veterans' Administration. 	Total Income:	 If individual is not a primary recipient of benefits, please provide the following:
	(If no income, enter 0 above)	
Yes No	No. of family members living in the same household for the 6 mos., prior to hire date, including yourself:	Name of Primary Recipient
		City/State of Benefits
 Is a "ticket holder" under the Ticket to Work Pro 	ogram 19. The "ticket holder" I Empowerment Zone (E	has an Individual Work Plan (IWP) from an N).
Yes No	Yes No_	
Section 20 Is to be completed by indivi	duals starting to work after December 31, 1997, u	Inder the Welfare -to-Work Tax Credit only.
20. Is a member of a family that:		
 Has received TANF payments for at least the Has received/is receiving TANF payments for 		Yes No or
	er August 5, 1997, and ended within the last 2 years; (or Yes No or
 Stopped being eligible for TANF payments with limited the maximum time those payments courses and the second second		Yes No
signature of the party completing this form is require		information above may be subject to verification. The
22. SIGNATURE:		23. DATE:
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INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE INDIVIDUAL CHARACTERISTICS FORM (ICF), ETA 9061. This form is used together with IRS Form 8850 to help SWAs determine eligibility for the Work Opportunity and Welfare-to-Work Tax Credits. The form may be completed by the applicant, the employer or employer representative/consultant, the SWA/DLA or the Participating Agency and signed by the person or agency filling out this form. This form is required to be used, without modification, by all employers and/or their representatives seeking the WOTC or the WIW tax credit.

- Control Number (for agency use only). The SWA/DLA or participating agency determines the Control Number. It may be a Social Security Number, case number, or other appropriate designation which permits easy filing, identification and retrieval of forms. Enter this number here. Box 1:
- Box 2: Date (for agency use only). Enter the month, day, and year when the form is received.
- Employer Name/Address. Enter the name and address including zip code and telephone number of the employer applying for a WOTC or WIWTC Box 3: Employer Certification,
- Box 4: Employer Federal ID No. Enter employer's federal taxpayer identification number.
- Employment-Start Date/Wage/Position or Title. Enter the employment start date, the starting hourly wage, that the employee will be paid. If not known, enter an estimated wage. Also, enter the job or position title, under which the individual or prospective employee will be performing for this employer. Box 5:
- Box 6: Previous Employment for This Employer. This requires a YES or NO answer. Enter a check mark (<) in the corresponding blank.
- Box 7: Name of Individual. Enter full name of Individual or prospective employee.

Box 8: Social Security Number. Enter Individual's social security number here.

Boxes 9 through 20 (Read each box carefully). Enter a check mark (<') to indicate If your answer is a YES or a NO. Provide additional information where requested for either the WOTC or the WtW tax credit's target group eligibility.

Box 17: Name and Address. Enter name and address of individual who is the primary recipient of benefits.

Box 21. Sources to Document Eligibility. List and/or describe the documentary* evidence or sources of collateral contacts that are attached to the ICF form or that will be provided. Indicate in parentheses, next to each document listed, whether it is attached or forthcoming. Some examples are provided below. Employers may also obtain a letter from the agency that administers a relevant program, stating that the employee or a member of his/her household meets one of the eligibility requirements.

Examples of Documentary Evidence or Collateral Contacts:

AGE/BIRTHDATE: (Required for High-Risk Summer Youth & Food

- Stamp) Birth Certificate
- Driver's License
- School I.D. Card*
- Work Permit
- Federal/State/Local

Birth

Gov't1.D.* Hospital Record of

FAMILY INCOME:

(Required for Ex-felon)

- · Pay Stubs
- Employer Contacts
- W-2 Forms
- **UI Documents**
- Public Assistance Records of No. of Months Benefits Were Received.
- Family Members' Statements
- Parole Officer's Name
- Parole Officer's . Statements

SSI RECIPIENT:

- SSI Record or Authorization
- SSI Contact
- Evidence of SSI Issuance

- EX-FELON STATUS: Parole Officer's Name
- **Correction Institution**
- Records
- Court Record. Extracts

TANF (IV-A) RECIPIENT: TANF Benefit History

Signed Statement from Authorized Individual w/ Specific **Description of Months Benefits Were** Received.

Case Number Identifier

- NUMBER IN FAMILY Public Assistance
- Social Services Agencies

VETERANS' STATUS:

- DD-214 **Reserve Unit** Contacts
- **Discharge Papers*** VOCATIONAL
- REHABILITATION REFERRAL: Voc. Rehab. Agency

VOC REHAB (Continued) Contact

- Signed statement from authorized individual w/specific description of months benefits received Veterans
- Administration Records

WW LONG-TERM ASSISTANCE RECIPIENT

- TANF Benefits
- History Signed Statement from authorized individual with specific description of months benefits received

Case Number Identifier

EMPOWERMENT ZONES/ENTERPRISE/ RENEWAL

- COMMUNITIES: **Driver's License**
- Work Permit
- Utility Bills Signed Statement
- From Authorized Individual w/ Specific
- Description Lease Document

EZ/EC/RCs (Continued) Voter Registration Card

- Food Stamp Award Letter
- Social Security Agency Letter
- Library Card**
- Landlord's Statement
- Letter From Social Service Agencies
- School Records
- Medicaid/Medicare Card
- Property Tax Record
- Public Assistance Record .
- **Rent Receipts**
- · School I.D. Card*
- . W-4
- Selective Service Registration Card

TICKET HOLDER (Ticket to Work Program)

SWAs must establish applicant's eligibility by calling MAXIMUS to verify if applicant: 1) is a ticket holder and 2) has and IWP from an Employment Network (EN).

NOTE: This list is not an exhaustive list. For more information, contact your WOTC public State Workforce Agency.

"Where any item of documentation such as a Federal I.D. Card does not contain age or birth date, the SWA/DLA must obtain another documentary source to verify the individual's age.

*"Where any item of documentary evidence, such as library card does not contain the holder's address, the SWA/DLA must obtains documentary evidence issued in the jurisdiction where the EZ/EC or RC is located showing the holder's address. Page 2 of 3

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Box 18. Is a "ticket holder" under the Ticket to Work Program. This requires a YES or NO answer. Enter a check mark (</) in the corresponding blank.

Box 19. The "ticket holder" has an Individual Work Plan (IWP) from an employment network. This requires a YES or NO answer. Enter a check mark (</) in the corresponding blank.

Box 22. Signature. If applicant completes this form, he/she must enter signature here. If applicant is a minor, the parent or guardian should sign this box. If form is completed by the employer or his/her representative, enter corresponding signature here. If form was completed by the intake staff of a SWA/DLA or participating agency, enter corresponding signature in this box.

Box 23. Date. Enter the month, day and year when the form was completed.

Persons are not required to respond to this collection of Information unless it displays a currently valid OMB Control number. Respondent's obligation to reply to these requirements is required to obtain and retain benefits per P.L. 104.184. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average ...33 minutes per response, including the time for reading instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed; and completing and reviewing the intonation. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the U.S. Department of Labor, U.S. Employment Service, Room C-4514, Washington, D.C. 20210 (Paperwork Reduction Project 1205-0371).

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TO THE JOB APPLICANT OR EMPLOYEE

THE INFORMATION AND THE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION YOU HAVE PROVIDED IN COMPLETING THIS FORM —OR IN SOME CASES OTHER INFORMATION THAT COULD VERIFY THE RESPONSES YOU HAVE GIVEN TO THE ITEMS/QUESTIONS IN THIS FORM— WILL BE DISCLOSED BY YOUR EMPLOYER TO THE STATE WORKFORCE AGENCY (SWA) [ENTER CORRESPONDING SWA NAME BELOW:

IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR A FEDERAL EMPLOYER TAX CREDIT, PROVISION OF THIS INFORMATION IS VOLUNTARY. HOWEVER, THE INFORMATION IS REQUIRED FOR YOUR EMPLOYER TO RECEIVE THE FEDERAL TAX CREDIT. IF THE INFORMATION YOU PROVIDE IS ABOUT A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY, YOU SHOULD PROVIDE HIM/HER A COPY OF THIS NOTICE.

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Appendix F

SSA FORM SSA-7004-SM

Request for Earnings and Benefit Estimate Statement	nate Statement	
Please check this box if you want to get your statement in Spanish instead of English.	For items 6 and 8 show only earnings covered by Social Security. Do NOT include wages from State, local or Federal Government employment that are	 Do you want us to send the statement: To you? Enter your name and mailing
Please print or type your answers. When you have	ONLY by Medicare.	 To someone else (your accountant, pension
completed the form, foud it and mail it to us. (If you prefer to send your request using the Internet, contact us at http://www.ssa.gov)	 Show your actual earnings (wages and/or net self-employment income) for last year and your estimated earnings for this year. 	plan, etc.)? Enter your name with "c/o" and the name and address of that person or organization
1. Name shown on your Social Security card:	A. Last year's actual earnings (Dollars Only) \$	Nitrie
First Name Middle Joinal	 B. This year's estimated earnings: (Dollars Only) 	Street Address (Include Apt. No. PO Box or Rural Round
Last Name Only		City State Ziji Code
Your Social Security number as shown on your card:	7. Show the age at which you plan to stop working. Show only one age	Notice: I am asking for information about my own Social Security record or the record of a person I
3. Your date of birth (MoDay-Yr.)	8. Below, show the average yearly amount (not your total future lifetime earnings) that you think you will earn between now and when you plan to stop working. Include performance or scheduled pay increases or bonuses, but not cost-of living increases.	am authorized to represent. I understand that if I deliberately request information under false pretenses. I may be guilty of a Federal trime and could be fined and/or imprisoned. I authorize you to use a contractor to send the statement of earning and benefit reatmanses to the person
4. Other Social Security numbers you have used:	If you expect to earn significantly more or less in the future due to promotions, job changes, part- time work, or an absence from the work force, enter the amount that most closely reflects your future average yearly earnings.	named in item 9.
	If you don't expect any significant changes, show the same amount you are earning now (the amount in 6B).	Please sign your name (Do Not Print)
	S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S	Date (Area Code) Daytime Telephone No.

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

estimate statement. Neither the Social purpose will use the information for any other Security Administration nor its contractor able to give you an earnings and benefit However, without them we may not be Giving us these facts is voluntary. the earnings statement you asked us for. quickly identify your record and prepare Social Security Act. We need them to facts on this form under Section 205 of the Social Security is allowed to collect the About The Privacy Act

requires us to notify you that this The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 Takes Statement Paperwork Reduction Act Notice and Time It

a valid OMB control number. We estimate collection of information unless it displays it will take to read the instructions, gather complete this form. This includes the time that it will take you about 5 minutes to you are not required to respond to, a 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of the necessary facts and fill out the form. 1995. We may not conduct or sponsor, and with the clearance requirements of section information collection is in accordance

Mailing Address

Wilkes Barre Data Operations Center Social Security Administration Wilkes Barre PA 18767-7004 PO Box 7004

Request for Earnings and

Thank you for requesting this statement.

Benefit Estimate Statement

we will--within 4 to 6 weeks--send you: After you complete and return this form,

- a record of your earnings history and an Social Security taxes, and estimate of how much you have paid in
- estimates of benefits you (and your the future. family) may be eligible for now and in

information and we hope you'll find it useful in planning your financial future. We're pleased to furnish you with this

you need it most. It can help support your family--Social Security can help you when in many ways. Whether you're young or Social Security is more than just a program you benefits if you become severly disabled family in the event of your death and pay old, male or fernale, single or with a for retired people. It helps people of all ages

number, 1-800-772-1213. or this form, please call our toll-free If you have questions about Social Security

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Commissioner of Social Security

pendix G

PROOF OF IDENTITY (Form I-9)

U.S. Department of Justice

Immigration and Naturalization Service

OMB No. 1115-0136 Employment Eligibility Verification

INSTRUCTIONS

PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM.

Anti-Discrimination Notice. It is illegal to discriminate against any individual (other than an alien not authorized to work in the U.S.) in hiring, discharging, or recruiting or referring for a fee because of that individual's national origin or citizenship status. It is illegal to discriminate against work eligible individuals. Employers CANNOT specify which document(s) they will accept from an employee. The refusal to hire an individual because of a future expiration date may also constitute illegal discrimination.

Section 1 - Employee. All employees, citizens noncitizens, hired after November 6, 1986, must complete Section 1 of this form at the time of hire, which is the actual beginning of employment. The employer is responsible for ensuring that Section 1 is timely and properly completed. Preparer/Translator Certification. The Preparer/Translator Certification must be completed if Section 1 is prepared by a person other than the employee. A preparer/translator may be used only when the employee is unable to complete Section 1	 and If an employee is rehired within three (3) years of the date this form was originally completed and the employee's work authorization has expired or if a current employee's work authorization is about to expire (reverification), complete Block B and: examine any document that reflects that the employee is authorized to work in the U.S. (see List A or C), record the document title, document number and expiration date (if any) in Block C, and complete the signature block.
on his/her own. However, the employee must still sign Section 1 personally. Section 2 - Employer. For the purpose of completing this	reproduced provided both sides are copied. The Instructions must be available to all employees completing this form. Employers must retain completed I-9s for three (3) years after the date of hire or one (1) year after the date employment ends, whichever is later.
form, the term "employer" includes those recruiters and referrers for a fee who are agricultural associations, agricultural employers, or farm labor contractors.	For more detailed information, you may refer to the INS <u>Handbook for Employers</u> , (Form M-274). You may obtain the handbook at your local INS office.
Employers must complete Section 2 by examining evidence of identity and employment eligibility within three (3) business days of the date employment begins. If employees are authorized to work, but are unable to present the required	Privacy Act Notice. The authority for collecting this information is the immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, Pub. L. 99-603 (8 U.S.C. 1324a).
document(s) within three business days, they must present a receipt for the application of the document(s) within three business days and the actual document(s) within ninety (90) days. However, if employers hire individuals for a duration of less than three business days, Section 2 must be completed at	This information is for employers to verify the eligibility of individuals for employment to preclude the unlawful hiring, or recruiting or referring for a fee, of aliens who are not authorized to work in the United States.
the time employment begins. Employers must record: 1) document title; 2) issuing authority; 3) document number, 4) expiration date, if any; and 5) the date employment begins. Employers must sign and date the certification. Employees must present original documents. Employers may, but are not required to, photocopy the document(s) presented. These photocopies may only be used for the verification process and	This information will be used by employers as a record of their basis for determining eligibility of an employee to work in the United States. The form will be kept by the employer and made available for inspection by officials of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, the Department of Labor, and the Office of Special Counsel for Immigration Related Unfair Employment Practices.
must be retained with the I-9. However, employers are still responsible for completing the I-9.	Submission of the information required in this form is voluntary. However, an individual may not begin employment unless this form is completed since employers are subject to civil or criminal penalties if they do not comply with the Immigration
Section 3 - Updating and Reverification. Employers	Reform and Control Act of 1986.
must complete Section 3 when updating and/or reverifying the I-9. Employers must reverify employment eligibility of their employees on or before the expiration date recorded in Section 1. Employers CANNOT specify which document(s) they will accept from an employee.	Reporting Burden . We try to create forms and instructions that are accurate, can be easily understood, and which impose the least possible burden on you to provide us with information. Often this is difficult because some immigration laws are very complex. Accordingly, the reporting burden for this collection of information is computed as follows: 1) learning about this form,
 If an employee's name has changed at the time this form is being updated/ reverified, complete Block A. 	5 minutes; 2) completing the form, 5 minutes; and 3) assembling and filing (recordkeeping) the form, 5 minutes, for an average of 15 minutes per response. If you have comments regarding the
 If an employee is rehired within three (3) years of the date this form was originally completed and the employee is still eligible to be employed on the same basis as previously indicated on this form (updating), complete Block B and the signature block. 	accuracy of this burden estimate, or suggestions for making this form simpler, you can write to both the Immigration and Naturalization Service, 425 I Street, N.W., Room 5304, Washington, D. C. 20536; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project, OMB No. 1115-0136, Washington, D.C. 20503.

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EMPLOYERS MUST RETAIN COMPLETED I-9 PLEASE DO NOT MAIL COMPLETED I-9 TO INS

LISTS OF ACCEPTABLE DOCUMENTS

LIST A Documents that Establish Both

Identity and Employment

Eligibility

1. U.S. Passport (unexpired or

2. Certificate of U.S. Citizenship

3. Certificate of Naturalization

4. Unexpired foreign passport,

INS Form I-94 indicating

unexpired employment

authorization

I-151 or I-551)

7. Unexpired Employment

I-688A)

Form I-327)

(INS Form N-560 or N-561)

(INS Form N-550 or N-570)

with I-551 stamp or attached

5. Alien Registration Receipt Card

with photograph (INS Form

6. Unexpired Temporary Resident Card (INS Form I-688)

Authorization Card (INS Form

8. Unexpired Reentry Permit (INS

Authorization Document issued

photograph (INS Form I-688B)

by the INS which contains a

9. Unexpired Refugee Travel Document (INS Form I-571)

10. Unexpired Employment

expired)

LIST B

Documents that Establish Identity

 Driver's license or ID card issued by a state or outlying possession of the United States provided it contains a photograph or information such as name, date of birth, sex, height, eye color, and address

OR

- ID card issued by federal, state, or local government agencies or entities provided it contains a photograph or information such as name, date of birth, sex, height, eye color, and address
- 3. School ID card with a photograph
- 4. Voter's registration card
- 5. U.S. Military card or draft record
- 6. Military dependent's ID card
- 7. U.S. Coast Guard Merchant Mariner Card
- 8. Native American tribal document
- 9. Driver's license issued by a Canadian government authority

For persons under age 18 who are unable to present a document listed above:

- 10. School record or report card
- 11. Clinic, doctor, or hospital record
- 12. Day-care or nursery school record

LIST C

Documents that Establish Employment Eligibility

AND

- 1. U.S. social security card issued by the Social Security Administration *(other than a card stating it is not valid for employment)*
- 2. Certification of Birth Abroad issued by the Department of State (Form FS-545 or Form DS-1350)
- Original or certified copy of a birth certificate issued by a state, county, municipal authority or outlying possession of the United States bearing an official seal
- 4. Native American tribal document
- 5. U.S. Citizen ID Card (INS Form I-197)
- 6. ID Card for use of Resident Citizen in the United States (INS Form I-179)
- 7. Unexpired employment authorization document issued by the INS (other than those listed under List A)

Illustrations of many of these documents appear in Part 8 of the Handbook for Employers (M-274)

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U.S.	Depart	ment	of J	usti	се
Immig	ration ar	nd Natur	aliza	tion	Service

Please read instructions carefully before completing this form. The instructions must be available during completion of this form. ANTI-DISCRIMINATION NOTICE. It is illegal to discriminate against work eligible individuals. Employers CANNOT specify which document(s) they will accept from an employee. The refusal to hire an individual because of a future expiration date may also constitute illegal discrimination. Section 1. Employee Information and Verification. To be completed and signed by employee at the time employment begins Print Name: Middle Initial Last First Maiden Name Address (Street Name and Number) Apt. # Date of Birth (month/day/year) City State Zip Code Social Security # I attest, under penalty of perjury, that I am (check one of the following): A citizen or national of the United States A Lawful Permanent Resident (Alien # A_____ federal provides that law am aware for imprisonment and/or fines for false statements or use of false documents in connection with the completion of this form. An alien authorized to work until___/_ (Alien # or Admission # Employee's Signature Date (month/day/year) Preparer and/or Translator Certification. (To be completed and signed if Section 1 is prepared by a person other than the employee.) I attest, under penalty of perjury, that I have assisted in the completion of this form and that to the best of my knowledge the information is true and correct. Preparer's/Translator's Signature Print Name Address (Street Name and Number, City, State, Zip Code) Date (month/day/year) Section 2. Employer Review and Verification. To be completed and signed by employer. Examine one document from List A OR examine one document from List B and one from List C as listed on the reverse of this form and record the title, number and expiration date, if any, of the document(s) AND List B List C List A OR Document title: Issuing authority: _ Document #: _ Expiration Date (if any): _/_/__ _/_/_ ______ Document #: ____ Expiration Date (if any): _/_/_ CERTIFICATION - I attest, under penalty of perjury, that I have examined the document(s) presented by the above-named employee, that the above-listed document(s) appear to be genuine and to relate to the employee named, that the employee began employment on (month/day/year) __/__ and that to the best of my knowledge the employee (State employment agencies may omit the date the employee began is eligible to work in the United States. employment). Signature of Employer or Authorized Representative Print Name Title Business or Organization Name Address (Street Name and Number, City, State, Zip Code) Date (month/day/year) Section 3. Updating and Reverification. To be completed and signed by employer A. New Name (if applicable) B. Date of rehire (month/day/year) (if applicable) c. If employee's previous grant of work authorization has expired, provide the information below for the document that establishes current employment eligibility. Document Title: Document #: Expiration Date (if any):__/_/ I attest, under penalty of perjury, that to the best of my knowledge, this employee is eligible to work in the United States, and if the employee presented document(s), the document(s) I have examined appear to be genuine and to relate to the individual. Signature of Employer or Authorized Representative Date (month/day/year) Form I-9 (Rev. 11-21-91) N

Appendix H

RELEASE GRATUITIES FOR FEDERAL PRISONERS

Release Gratuities for Federal Prisoners

The Release Gratuities, Transportation, and Clothing program is offered primarily to sentenced federal prisoners who are being released. Additionally, the court may direct the United States Marshals Service (USMS) to afford similar gratuities to pretrial detainees housed in Bureau of Prisons (BOP) facilities who are arrested, but not indicted, indicted but not convicted, or who are released to probation. Although the BOP will ordinarily afford pretrial detainees with adequate clothing upon release, monetary release gratuities paid to pretrial detainees are the exclusive responsibility of the USMS. Designated federal inmates released from BOP institutions will be provided clothing, transportation to their release destinations, and appropriate funds (up to \$500) based upon an inmate's release needs and budgetary and statutory limitations.

Release gratuities are intended to be a means to supplement inmates' "other" resources upon release from prison, and to help them readjust back into the community. They are not intended to provide for an inmate's entire release needs. Therefore, inmates should be encouraged to save funds for release (such as industrial and performance pay and outside receipts) in their respective trust fund accounts or independent savings accounts. To request a release gratuity, inmates should meet with their Unit Team.

For further information, please review **Program Statement 5873.06**, **Release Gratuities**, **Transportation, and Clothing**. Moreover, concerns relating to a release gratuity fall specifically within the BOP's **Administrative Remedy Process**, **Title 28 C.F.R. § 542**. Inmates are encouraged to raise any release gratuity concerns through that process.

<u>BP-S189</u>.051 **RELEASE & GRATUITY INFORMATION** CDFRM MAY 94 **U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICEFEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS**

To: COMMISSARY From: Case Manager	Institution
From: Case Manager	Date

Please enter personal account information and return to Release Clerk/Unit Secy:

Register Number	Name	Funds in Personal Account	\$
Release Date	Method		
Unit	Work Detail	Anticipated Earnings Prior to Release	
		Anticipated Spending Prior to Release	
		U.S. Savings Bonds	
		Received last 6 months	
		Spent last 6 months	
		Excess Funds to be Disposed	
		Commissary Clerk:/s/	

CASE MANAGER WILL COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

To: COMMISSARY From: Case Manager Date

1.You are authorized to pay cash gratuity in the amount of:	\$
2. If detainer is removed, subject will be given:	
<pre>3. Dispose of excess funds as follows: a. Obtain check for delivery to inmate up release in amount of: b. Mail check in the amount of : To:</pre>	
4. Release Destination	

5. Transportation: 🗆 Government Expense 🗆 Private

/s/ Approved By: Record Copy - Commissary; Copy - Case Manager; Copy - Commissary; Copy - Release File

Appendix I

FEDERAL BONDING PROGRAM STATE OFFICES

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(as of 01/23/08)

ALABAMA

Bonding Services Coordinator Industrial Relations Building, Rm. 2805 649 Monroe Street Montgomery, AL 36131 334-242-8039 / 334-242-8012 (fax)

ALASKA

Bonding Services Coordinator AK Employment Security Div. P.O. Box 25509 Juneau, AK 99802-5509 907-465-5955 / 907-465-8753 (fax)

ARIZONA

Bonding Services Coordinator Employment & Training Administration AZ Dept of Economic Security/734-T Site Code P.O. Box 6123 Phoenix, AZ 85005 602-495-1861 ext. 1002 / 602-542-2110 (fax)

ARKANSAS

Bonding Services Coordinator Employment Service Technical Unit AR Employment Security Dept P.O. Box 2981 Little Rock, AR 72203-2981 501-682-3143 / 501-682-2576 (fax)

CALIFORNIA

Bonding Services Coordinator CA Employment Development Dept 800 Capitol Mall/MIC-37 Sacramento, CA 95814 916-653 -2497 / 916-654-9119 (fax)

COLORADO

Bonding Services Coordinator CO Dept of Labor & Employment Tower 2, Suite 400 1515 Arapahoe St. Denver, CO 80202-2117 303-318-8823 / 303-318-8930 (fax)

CONNECTICUT

Bonding Services Coordinator/Ops Support Unit Connecticut Dept of Labor 200 Folly Brook Blvd., 3rd floor Wethersfield, CT 06109 860-263-6066 / 860-263-6039 (fax)

DELAWARE

Bonding Services Coordinator/Div of Emp. Training Division of Employment Training DE Dept of Labor 4425 North Market Street, 1st floor Wilmington, DE 19802 302-761-8123 / 302-761-4689 (fax)

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Head of Job Bank D.C. Dept of Employment Services 609 H Street, NE Washington, DC 20002 202-698-3540 / 202-698-5720 (fax)

FLORIDA

Bonding Services Coordinator FL Agency for Workforce Innovation 107 E. Madison Street Tallahassee, FL 32399-4120 850-245-7426 / 850-921-3859 (fax)

GEORGIA

Bonding Services Coordinator GA Dept of Labor/Sussex Place 148 Andrew Young Int'l Blvd., N.E. Suite 276 Atlanta, GA 30303 404-232-3538 / 404-656-0783 (fax)

GUAM

Administrator, SCSEP Dept of Labor P.O. Box 9970 Tamuning, Guam 96931

HAWAII

Bonding Services Coordinator Workforce Development Division HI State Employment Service 830 Punchbowl Street, Room 329 Honolulu, HI 96813 808-586-8815 / 808-586-8822 (fax)

IOWA

Bonding Services Coordinator Iowa Workforce Development 150 Des Moines St. Des Moines, IA 50309 515-281-9097 515-281-9096 fax

ILLINOIS

Bonding Services Coordinator IL Dept of Employment Security 33 S. State Street 8th Floor South Chicago, IL 60603 312-793-9741 / 312-793-1871 fax

IDAHO

Bonding Services Coordinator ID Dept of Employment 317 West Main Street Boise, ID 83735 208-332-3570 (x-3330) 208-332-7417 fax

INDIANA

No longer participates in the Federal Bonding Program.

KANSAS

Bonding Services Coordinator KS Dept of Commerce 1000 SW Jackson Street, Suite 100 Topeka, KS 66612-1354 785-296-7435 / 785-368-7108 fax

KENTUCKY

Kentucky does not participate in the Federal Bonding Program. Contact the One-Stop for assistance with general jobs and training assistance. Refer the call to Ron Rubbin at 1-800-233-2258 ext. 246, or Roland Brack at 1-800-233-2258 ext. 271.

LOUISIANA

Bonding Services Coordinator Division of Probation and Parole, Region IV 731 St. Charles Ave., 3rd floor New Orleans, LA 70130 504-568-8690

MAINE

Bonding Services Coordinator Bureau of Employment Services ME Dept of Labor 55 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333 207-624-6390 / 207-624-6499 (fax)

MARYLAND

Bonding Services Coordinator MD Dept of Labor, Licensing, and Regulations Division of Workforce Development 1100 N. Eutaw Street, Suite 209 Baltimore, MD 21201 410-767-2018 / 410-333-5162 (fax)

MASSACHUSETTS

Bonding Services Coordinator -Special Programs-Bonding MA Division of Employment Training and Training Charles F. Hurley Bldg.-Government Center 19 Staniford Street, 1st Floor Boston, MA 02114 617-626-5733 / 617-727-2039 (fax)

MICHIGAN

Bureau of Workforce Programs Department of Labor and Economic Growth 3032 W. Grand Blvd., Suite 9-450 Detroit, MI 48202 313-456-3169 / 313-456-3162 (fax)

MINNESOTA

Bonding Services Coord.- Re-employment Program MN Dept. Of Employment and Economic Development 332 Ninn St., Suite E-200 - MN Job Bank 1st National Bank Building St. Paul, MN 55101 651-296-8400 / 651-246-3488 (fax)

MISSOURI

Dept. of Economic Development MO Division of Workforce Development 421 East Dunklin POB 1087 Jefferson City, MO 65102 573-526-8217 / 573-522-9496 (fax)

MONTANA

Bonding Services Coordinator Job Service Division MT Dept of Labor & Industry P.O. Box 1728 Capital Station Helena, MT 59624 406-444-3037 (fax)

NEBRASKA

Bonding Services Coordinator -Legal Division Nebraska Department of Labor 550 S. 16th Street Lincoln, NE 68509 402-471-9917

NEVADA

Bonding Services Coordinator NV State Employment Service 500 E. Third Street Carson City, NV 89713 775-684-0301or 0305 / 775-684-0327 (fax)

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Bonding Services Coordinator NH Dept of Employment Security 32 South Main Street Concord, NH 03301 603-228-4083 / 603-229-4321 (fax)

NEW JERSEY

Bonding Services Coordinator Division of Employment & Training NJ Dept. of Labor P.O. Box 055, 2nd floor Trenton, NJ 08625 609-777-2569 / 609-777-3020 fax

NEW MEXICO

State WOTC Coordinator Employment & Training Support Section NM Dept. of Labor - Field Service Bureau-WOTC P.O. Box 1928 Albuquerque, NM 87103 505-841-8501 / 505-841-8467 (fax)

NEW YORK

Bonding Services Coordinator Division of Employment Services – Rm 421 NY State Department of Labor-State Campus - Bldg 12 Albany, NY 12240 518-485-2151 / 518-457-4625 (fax)

NORTH CAROLINA

Bonding Services Coordinator NC Emp. Security Comm.-Applicant Services P.O. Box 27625 Raleigh, NC 27611 919-733-4896 / 919-733-3010 (fax)

NORTH DAKOTA

Bonding Services Coordinator-Job Service ND P.O. Box 5507 Bismarck, ND 58506-5507 701-328-2863 / 701-328-4894 (fax)

OHIO

Offender Job Linkage Administration OH Dept of Rehabilitation and Correction 1050 Freeway Drive North Columbus, OH 43229 614-728-1534 / 614-995-0128 fax

OKLAHOMA

Bonding Services Coordinator OK Employment Security Commission 2401 North Lincoln Blvd., Suite 454 Oklahoma City, OK 73152 405-557-7257 (x-5347)/405-524-6081 (fax)

OREGON

Oregon does not participate in the Federal Bonding Program. Contact the One-Stop for general jobs and training assistance. Refer calls on the Federal Bonding Program to Ron Rubbin at 1-800-233-2258 ext. 246, or Roland Brack at 1-800-233-2258 ext. 271.

PENNSYLVANIA

Bonding Services Coordinator (Providence only) PA Bureau of Workforce Investment Labor & Industry Building, 13th floor Seventh & Forster Streets Harrisburg, PA 17120 717-787-6915 / 717-787-5785 (fax)

PUERTO RICO

Bonding Services Coordinators One-Stop Career Center of PR, Inc. Condonminio Plaze Universidad 200 Calle Anasco 839 local 65 Rio Piedras, PR 00928 787-296-1785 / 787-747-5695 (fax)

RHODE ISLAND

State Coordinator 160 Broad Street Providence, RI 02903 401-521-2255 (x-139) / 401-521-7410 (fax)

SOUTH CAROLINA

Bonding Services Coordinator SC Employment Security Commission 1550 Gadsden Street P.O. Box 1406 Columbia, SC 29202 803-737-2593 / 803-737-0140 fax

SOUTH DAKOTA

South Dakota does not participate in the Federal Bonding Program. Contact the One-Stop for general jobs and training assistance. For information on the Federal Bonding Program, call Ron Rubbin at 1-800-233-2258 ext. 246, or Roland Brack at 1-800-233-2258 ext. 271.

TENNESSEE

Bonding Services Coordinator Job Service Program Support TN Dept of Labor & Workforce Development Davy Crockett Tower, 11th floor 500 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, TN 37245-1200 615-741-3780 (x-578) / 615-741-6392 (fax)

TEXAS

Bonding Services Coordinator - Project RIO Texas Workforce Commission 101 E. 15th Street, Room 440-T Austin, TX 78778 1-800-453-8140 (within Texas) or 512-463-0834 / 512-463-7379 (fax)

UTAH

Bonding Services Coordinator UT Dept of Workforce Services 140 East 300 South, Room 231 Salt Lake City, UT 84111 801-201-2931/ 801-526-9789 (fax)

VIRGIN ISLANDS

Bonding Services Coordinator VI Dept of Labor P.O. Box 302608 St. Thomas, USVI 00803 340-776-3700 ext 2055 340-714-4994 fax

VERMONT

Assistant Workforce Coordinator- VT Dept of Labor P.O. Box 488 Green Mountain Drive Montpelier, VT 05601 802-828-4348 / 802-828-4374 (fax)

VIRGINIA

Virginia does not participate in the Federal Bonding Program. Contact the One-Stop for assistance in finding employment. Refer the caller to their local One-Stop for general jobs and training assistance and to Ron Rubbin at 1-800-233-2258 ext. 246, or Roland Brack at 1-800-233-2258 ext. 271.

WASHINGTON

Bonding Services Co-Coordinator Offender Employment Services WA Dept of Employment Security P.O. Box 9046 Olympia, WA 98507 360-407-5156 / 360-407-5218 (fax)

WEST VIRGINIA

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