

## **Georgia's Workforce Investment Act Funds under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act**

The workforce investment system will use Recovery Act funds to increase service levels and address immediate employment needs by targeting significant funding toward low-income, low-skilled Georgians. The funds will support significantly more youth employment opportunities for the summer of 2009 and 2010.

The Georgia Department of Labor (GDOL) will receive \$88,282,518 from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) to help Georgia citizens get back to work through the State's network of One-Stop Career Centers. Through One-Stop Career Centers, unemployed, underemployed and dislocated workers can access career counseling, skill assessment, job search assistance, training and other services to upgrade their skills and find new jobs.

The state will retain 15% of the adult, youth and dislocated worker formula funds for administration and special initiatives. In addition, 25% of the dislocated worker formula funds will be used for statewide Rapid Response activities, which provides funds for staffing and training assistance in the event of major economics events or natural disasters to ensure that services are made available as quickly as needed for the local community.

\$64,089,681 will be available to the State's twenty Local Workforce Investment Boards (LWIBs) through the adult, youth and dislocated formula funding streams under the Workforce Investment Act.

- The State will receive \$13,119,015 for **adult services**, of which \$11,151,163 (85%) will be allotted to local workforce areas for occupational skills training and supportive services, with funding targeted towards recipients of public assistance and other low-income individuals.
- The State will receive \$31,361,665 for services to **youth**, ages 14-24, with \$26,657,415 (85%) allotted to the local workforce areas. The ARRA funds will be specifically used to serve between 15,000 to 20,000 youth throughout the state in 2009 and 2010 in Georgia's Summer Training and Employment Program (STEP).
- The State will receive \$43,801,838 to serve **dislocated workers** who are individuals who have lost their jobs due to plant closures or layoffs and need re-training to re-enter the workforce. \$26,657,415 (60%) will be allotted the local workforce areas for occupational skills training and supportive services.

To contact one of the twenty local workforce areas, please go to:

[http://www.dol.state.ga.us/wp/wia\\_contact\\_info.htm](http://www.dol.state.ga.us/wp/wia_contact_info.htm)