§ 379.50 What are the requirements for continuation funding?

To receive a continuation award for the third or subsequent year of the PWI grant, a grantee must—
(a) Adhere to the provisions of its approved application; and
(b) Meet the minimum performance levels on—
(1) The two “primary” program compliance indicators identified in § 379.51(b) and described in § 379.53(a); and
(2) Any two of the three “secondary” compliance indicators identified in § 379.51(c) and described in § 379.53(b).

§ 379.51 What are the program compliance indicators?

(a) General. The program compliance indicators implement program evaluation standards, which are contained in an appendix to this part, by establishing minimum performance levels in essential project areas to measure the effectiveness of individual grantees.

(b) Primary compliance indicators. “Placement rate” and “Change in earnings” are “primary” compliance indicators.

(c) Secondary compliance indicators. “Percent placed who have significant disabilities,” “Percent placed who were previously unemployed,” and “Average cost per placement” are “secondary” compliance indicators.

§ 379.52 How is grantee performance measured using the compliance indicators?

(a) Each compliance indicator establishes a minimum performance level.

(b) If a grantee does not achieve the minimum performance level for a compliance indicator, the grantee does not pass the compliance indicator.

§ 379.53 What are the minimum performance levels for each compliance indicator?

(a) Primary compliance indicators—(1) Placement rate. The project places individuals it serves into competitive employment as follows:
   (i) No less than 50 percent during fiscal year (FY) 2001.
   (ii) No less than 51 percent during FY 2002.
   (iii) No less than 52 percent during FY 2003.
   (iv) No less than 54 percent during FY 2004.
   (v) No less than 55 percent during FY 2005 and any year thereafter.
   (2) Change in earnings. (i) Except as provided in paragraph (a)(2)(ii) of this section, the average earnings of all individuals placed by the project increase by an average of at least $125.00 a week over the average earnings of all individuals at the time of project entry.
   (ii) For projects in which at least 75 percent of individuals placed into competitive employment are working fewer than 30 hours per week, the average earnings of all individuals placed by the project increase by an average of at least $100.00 a week over the average earnings of all individuals at the time of project entry.

(b) Secondary compliance indicators—
   (1) Percent placed who have significant disabilities. At least 50 percent of individuals who are placed into competitive employment are individuals with significant disabilities.
   (2) Percent placed who were previously unemployed. At least 50 percent of individuals who are placed into competitive employment are individuals who were continuously unemployed for at least 6 months at the time of project entry.

(c) Average cost per placement. The actual average cost per placement does not exceed 115 percent of the projected average cost per placement in the grantee’s application.

§ 379.54 What are the reporting requirements for the compliance indicators?

(a) To receive continuation funding for the third or any subsequent year of a PWI grant, each grantee must submit to the Secretary data for the most recent complete budget period no later