CATAWBA TAA INSTRUCTION FY08-01

TO: All Catawba WIA One-Stop and Intensive Service Staff

SUBJECT: Definition of Commuting Area

ISSUANCE DATE: February 1, 2008

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 15, 2007

EXPIRATION DATE: Indefinite

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this instruction is to issue State Policy concerning the definition of commuting area pursuant to transportation allowances, job search allowances, and relocation allowances under Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) Program.

BACKGROUND:

The TAA Program allows for payment of transportation or subsistence payments to attend training, outof-area job search allowances, and job relocation allowances when the travel is outside a participant's commuting area.

POLICY: Effective October 15, 2007, the definition of commuting area will be fifty (50) miles one way from the participant's residence. All TAA training approved for new participants on or after October 15, 2007, must comply with this commuting area definition for receipt of transportation allowances. TAA participants co-enrolled in WIA may receive transportation assistance through WIA funds per LWIA supportive services policies. All TAA participants applying for job search or relocation allowances on or after October 15, 2007 must also comply with this commuting area definition.

ACTION: All applicable Catawba WIA service providers will implement and comply with these instructions.

<u>INQUIRIES</u>: If you have any questions regarding this instruction, please contact Nicole Lawing or Robert Barber at (803) 327-9041.

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