

**Summary of Comments**  
**Draft Directive “Revised Rapid Response On-Site Visit Report (RR 121)”**

There were four commenters to the draft version of this directive.

Commenters #1-4: stated that their local areas would be negatively impacted by not being able to report on layoff/closure events where less than 10 workers are affected. They requested that all layoff/closure events be included, regardless of the number of affected workers.

Resolution: The policy approved by the California Workforce Investment Board (CWIB) on May 18, 2004, “WIA Dislocated Worker 25 Percent Policy,” (Agenda Item 4), in part, states, “To ensure that resources are available to provide required Rapid Response activities when there are significant business closures and layoffs, the State will allocate 45 percent of the Rapid Response Reserve based on data reflecting the number of on-site orientations the LWIAs provided to employees affected by layoffs of 10 or more.” (Please note, there are two factors comprising the formula-based rapid response funding. The 45 percent represents the dislocation-based funding factor of the formula.) This policy was developed by an ad hoc committee of the CWIB and presented to the CWIB on May 18, 2004. The Workforce Investment Act Directive [WIAD05-18](#), “Dislocated Worker 25 Percent Funding Policy,” dated June 14, 2006, transmits the CWIB policy to the Workforce Development Community. Specifically, “As the majority of California’s workforce is employed by small businesses, it is not feasible to provide on-site service to all California businesses that employ less than 10 workers. Therefore, innovation will be required to serve California’s small businesses in a systematic manner.” The purpose of this directive is merely to simplify the tracking and reporting requirements to the State. Any change to the threshold level of 10 or more affected workers for the dislocation-based funding factor would require policy approval by the CWIB.

Commenter #1 also requested that additional activities be included, rather than just planning for and conducting orientation on-site visits in response to layoffs or closures. For example, the commenter requested that layoff aversion visits or those events when companies do not allow on-site orientations but accept Exit Packages for internal company representatives to distribute directly to affected workers also be included.

Resolution: There are two factors comprising the formula-based rapid response funding. The dislocation-based funding is addressed above. The other factor is the baseline funding. The purpose the baseline funding is for all other required or allowable rapid response activities funded by the State, such as layoff aversion visits or those events when companies do not allow on-site orientations but accept Exit Packages for internal company representatives to distribute directly to affected workers.