



# Southern 14 LWIB, Inc.

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## Notes from the Office.....



Pamela Barbee  
Chief Financial Officer

I am really tired of starting each newsletter with less than positive budget news. However, according to a conference call with IWP fiscal folks and DCEO we may know our funding level for PY13 by the end of March, but, DCEO cautioned that sequestration is still a possibility. In an attempt to prepare our area for the possibility of a decrease in funding levels I have provided each service provider with a mock budget based on a 10% across the board reduction and have asked that they put together a budget based on those allocations, including how they will meet the 40 % training minimum and an estimate of how many clients will be served. As for the board office, Kim and I have been looking at our budget and will be producing a mock admin budget as well.

Also in the conference call, the question of failure to meet the 40/60 requirement was brought up. Apparently the first year an area fails to meet this benchmark the area become ineligible for incentive funds. This is not a real threat since no incentive funds are available. However, failing to meet the requirement for two years places the area on high risk status and may make the area ineligible for other grants such as IE.

The National Workforce Association reported to the IWP membership that Democratic Representatives in the House plan to reintroduce their 2012 WIA reauthorization bill this week and that the Republican Representatives are also retooling their proposed bill as well. Both parties are working to create a bipartisan support and are optimistic that the reauthorization will actually get accomplished this year. So I guess the threat of reauthorization continues to be an issue to watch. NWA also cautioned that the sequester is still likely to occur on March 1 as the continuing resolution expires March 27th. The level of sequester is not known since the negotiations of final fiscal year 2013 spending will restore some, but not all of the necessary cuts. NWA ended their newsletter with the statement " Upcoming 7 weeks are critical of WIA funding and reauthorization." With this in mind I would like to encourage each of you to reach out to your congress person to letting them know the value of the WIA in our area of Southern Illinois.

*The next Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 13, 2013 7 p.m. at SIC*

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### *Notes from the Office.....*

## *Attention*

Effective 1/1/2013  
the GSA has  
increased the  
mileage  
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rate from \$0.555  
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At the end of December 2012, the area had a training expenditure of 52% for the adult category and 39% for the dislocated worker category. WADI had a training expenditure of 28% for the adult category and 51% for the dislocated worker category. Mid 5 had a training expenditure of 48% for the adult category and 28% for the dislocated worker category. SDC had a training expenditure of 87% for the adult category and 42% for the dislocated worker category. Since these figures do not reflect the spring semester expenses, I anticipate the training expenditures to increase for both adult and dislocated worker.

DCEO announced that they will be combining the fiscal and programmatic monitoring this year. This change prompted me to look at some of our local policies, especially those that deal directly with client services. We plan to bring these changes to the programmatic / finance committee and hopefully to the full board at the March meeting.

For the last few months I have been reporting on the progress of a IE grant to serve the displaced coal miners from the Willow Lake Mine and American Coal. I am happy to report that we have that grant in place and currently have 25 clients enrolled in training and an additional 5 prepared to start soon. On a positive note we have had 2 individuals already exited because they found employment. This grant came with a small (5% of expenditures) admin component, but no provision for case management funding. As we do with Trade grants will be splitting the 5% with the service providers to help offset their expenses. If the funds are spent as projected the board office will have an additional \$2,300.

Also, still in the works is the joint venture with Man-Tra-Con to provide the training and services to those individual that were involved in the IE tornado cleanup project. As you may remember these individuals were paid for work experience then were eligible for training and related WIA services. Man-Tra-Con will be contracting with the Board and we in turn will be contracting with Mid 5 to provide the direct client services. This grant comes with a small amount of case management funding which will be utilized by Mid 5, but no administrative funding.



Kim, Ronda and I recently attended a bidder's conference to learn about a new grant opportunity with DCEO. The object of this grant is to decrease unemployment by helping business to avoid layoffs and unemployed workers re-enter the workforce. It could be used to provide incumbent worker training as a means of layoff aversion, on the job training for dislocated workers to bridge a skill gap, as well as class size or customized training. Each of these options has specific guidelines and employer contributions, but it maybe something that we can make work for our area. We are working with each of the service providers to brainstorm ideas. Please let me know if you know of a business that may be able to take advantage of this opportunity. It does have a submission deadline of March 15.

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I am somewhat hopeful that the addition of these new granting opportunities may be enough to somewhat subsidize our budgets enough to enable us to continue business for another fiscal year.

It is my plan to finally begin to visit each of the County Chief Elected Officials or their designees this month. I would like to meet with each one and give them a packet of information so that they are better informed. I have started this process by attending last month's Hamilton County Board meeting with Chris Howton.

We are still in need of some business members to serve on our board. We have sent letters requesting assistance from the CEOs as well as the local chambers. Please let me know if you are aware of any business person that might be interested in serving on our board.

SIC Adult Education and Literacy Area Planning Council Advisory Meeting was interesting this month. As was anticipated GED testing has been and will continue to be undergoing some big changes. One of the most concerning is the drastic price increase and while WIA can pay for those individual that are enrolled in our program, that still leaves a large pool of individuals in need of assistance. If you, your business, or any organization that you are involved with is interested in sponsoring a GED student please give Lori Cox a call (618) 252-4192. Lori also spoke about the new evidence based reading intuitive that places more emphases on reading with GED students as well as a mandated, yet unfunded, bridge program. This new program is designed to give GED students some additional soft skills and introduce them to opportunities in industries, such as health care. Its goal is to encourage them to see GED as a beginning, a step to more rather than an end.



I am continuing to work with DCEO and IDES to present the Small Business Workshops in our area. These workshops are designed to give business persons information not only about unemployment issues, but also available tax credits and grants, information available on Illinois WorkNet and other valuable information. We plan to offer at least two more of these workshops in Area 26 - one to be scheduled in Mt. Carmel and another to be scheduled at Shawnee College. I would like to encourage each of you to try to attend and help me spread the word to other business people. As soon as the details have been worked out I will let you know.

I did have the opportunity to be on the Morning with the Mayor Radio show on the Harrisburg radio station to make the public aware of the workshop as well as Southern I4 Workforce Investment Board and WIA. I can now add television, radio and newspaper to my resume.

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DCEO hosted a meeting with local college representatives, both local workforce areas and representatives from the new White Oak mine in Hamilton County that is scheduled to begin operations in early April. The meeting was mainly to discuss future as well as immediate training needs. The mine plans to hire 300 employees many of which they expect to have no previous mining experience as well as support staff in maintenance and administrative. Mid 5 staff and I plan to meet directly with White Oak to see if we can offer any OJT or other training through the new grant opportunity that I mentioned earlier.

Mike Woley invited me to speak to the McLeansboro Rotary this past Tuesday. Through this speaking opportunity I was able to make contact with three businesses interested in our services, one of which was the White Oak Mining Company. I plan to follow up with each within in the next week.

Kim and I have created a brief (10 - 15 minutes) PowerPoint presentation so we are ready - just let us know if you have an organization that might be interested in learning more about us.

*Pamela Barbee*  
Chief Financial Officer



## So. 14 Board and Board Member Certification

Board Member and Board Certification items were submitted to DCEO (Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity) on November 13, 2012. We are currently waiting on approval.

The following are still pending at DCEO:

Andy Clarke ~ Alexander Co.

Neil Wagner ~ Pope Co.

John Price ~ Labor

We have received the required number of CEO approvals to submit Mr. Ben Ross~ Economic Development to DCEO, but with his appointment that will make us one (1) short on having a business majority., thus we would not be in compliance. We are actively seeking new business representatives and have sent requests to area CEO's, Chambers of Commerce and other local business organizations.

We are in **URGENT** need of business representatives from the following counties:

Alexander (1)  
Edwards (1)  
Gallatin (2)  
Massac (1)  
Pulaski (1)  
Saline (1)  
Wabash (2)  
White (1)

If you know of anyone from these counties that would make a good board member, please let the office know their contact information.

### 2013 Meetings

**March 12**

June 11

Sept 10

Dec 10

SIC—7pm

## Training Programs

LWIA 26 (So. 14 LWIB) currently has 106 locally approved training programs to serve our clients. Please see the service provider reports for a breakdown on client information.

Local and out of state training programs are re-certified each year using the following schedule:

Out of State—March 30<sup>th</sup> / SIC—August 31<sup>st</sup> / SCC—July 31<sup>st</sup>

All new programs submitted by a Training Provider are brought before the board for approval. Training Programs that have previously been approved by the board are recertified by office staff as long as the program meets WIA certification criteria.

## County CEO's

With the elections this past November, there have been some changes in our Chief Elected Officials. Below is the most current list:



Alexander—Mr. Harold McNeely

Edwards—Mr. Donald Woods

Gallatin—Mr. Randy Drone

Hamilton—Mr. Joe Bernard

Hardin—Mr. David Robinson

Johnson—Mr. Jeff Mears

Massac—Mr. Jayson Farmer

Pope—Mr. Larry Richards

Pulaski—Mr. Monte Russell

Saline—Mr. Carey Harbison

Union—Mr. Don Denny

Wabash—Mr. Rob Dean

Wayne—Mr. Gary Sloan

White—Mr. Wes Trout

CEO Consortium Chair: Mr. Jim Taylor

## Service Provider Reports

### July 01, 2012—January 31, 2013

#### CUMULATIVE TITLE 1-B DEMOGRAPHICS (Does not include self assessed services)

July 1, 2012 through January 31, 2013

Service Provider	Male	Female	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian/ Pac Islander	American Indian	Individuals W/ Disabilities	Customers in Follow-up 1/1/12 - 1/31/13
SDC	58	104	132	28	2	0	0	23	69
WADI	32	32	64	0	0	0	0	17	44
MID5	23	29	50	2	0	0	0	17	51
Total	113	165	246	30	2	0	0	57	164

#### CUMULATIVE TITLE 1-B SERVICES PROVIDED

July 1, 2012 through January 31, 2013

Service Provider	Self Assessed Core Services	Assisted Core Services	Intensive Services	Training Services	In-School Youth	Out-of-School Youth	Employers Assisted
SDC	204	88	88	85	36	15	14
WADI	565	39	39	42	19	6	0
MID5	721	24	24	24	23	5	2
Total	1490	151	151	151	78	26	16

#### BREAKDOWN OF SELF ASSESSED CORE SERVICES

July 1, 2012 through January 31, 2013

Service Provider	WIA Inquiries	IDES	TITLE V Older Worker	Community College	Job Search	Resource Room / Computer Usage	Resume	ORS	DHS Pro- ject Choice	Other
MID5	100	418	4	0	76	83	40	0	0	0
SDC	13	17	1	0	162	230	0	2	0	1
WADI	76	44	0	5	18	411	6	0	0	5
Total	189	479	5	5	256	724	46	2	0	6

## Service Provider Reports

### July 01, 2012 — January 31, 2013

**CUMULATIVE BREAKDOWN OF IN SCHOOL YOUTH****July 1, 2012 through January 31, 2013**

	SDC Counties					WADI Counties				Mid 5 Counties				
	Alexander	Johnson	Massac	Pulaski	Union	Edwards	Wabash	Wayne	White	Gallatin	Hamilton	Hardin	Pope	Saline
<b>County Enrollees</b>	6	7	9	5	9	4	1	12	2	4	6	2	4	7
<b>Activities</b>														
<b>Career Planning</b>	6	7	9	5	9	4	1	12	2	4	6	2	4	7
<b>Work Experience</b>	0	3	2	2	5	4	1	12	2	4	5	2	1	4

**CUSTOMERS EXITED FROM JULY 01, 2012 - JANUARY 31, 2013**

<b>SDC</b>	Total # Exited	Of Total # Exited, # that Obtained Credential	Of Total # Exited, # that Entered Employment	<b>WADI</b>	Total # Exited	Of Total # Exited, # that Obtained Credential	Of Total # Exited, # that Entered Employment	<b>MID 5</b>	Total # Exited	Of Total # Exited, # that Obtained Credential	Of Total # Exited, # that Entered Employment
Adults	15	10	8	Adults	8	7	8	Adults	1	1	3
DW	22	13	16	DW	13	10	7	DW	2	2	1
YOS	1	0	1	YOS	1	0	1	YOS	2	2	1
YIS	5	3	0	YIS	4	3	1	YIS	11	11	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>6</b>

### Title I-B Service Provider Contact Information

**Mid-5 Employment & Training, Inc.**

Roger Boma, Director  
 PO Box 505, 701 North Commercial, Suite 6A  
 Harrisburg, IL 62946  
 Phone: 618-252-6020 Fax: 618-252-0326 Email: midfive@frontier.com

**Shawnee Development Council, Inc.**

Cheryl Vanderford, Executive Director  
 PO Box 298, 530 West Washington  
 Karnak, IL 62956  
 Phone: 618-634-2201 Fax: 618-634-9551 Email: sdcinc@shawneedevelopment.org

**Wabash Area Development, Inc.**

Ken Pettijohn, Executive Director  
 PO Box 70, 110 Latham Street  
 Enfield, IL 62835  
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## Service Provider Reports

### July 01, 2012—January 31, 2013

Cumulative breakdown of all customers (1A, 1D, YOS, Trade) in Training as of 1.31.13

	FCC	WVC	OCC	LTC	KASKASKIA	MCKENDREE	REND LAKE	SIC	SIU	JAL	SCC	West KY TECH
ACCOUNTING											1	
ADMIN ASSISTANT											1	
ADMIN OF JUSTICE											2	
ADVANCED MFG.		2										
AGRI BUSINESS							1					
AGRI MECHANICS							1					
AUTO TECHNOLOGY	3										5	
BUSINESS ADMIN						1					1	
BUSINESS MANAGEMENT											1	
CARPENTRY								1				
CERTIFIED NURSE AIDE		1						5			2	
COMPUTER INFO SYSTEMS	1										6	
CRIMINAL JUSTICE								3			4	
DIESEL EQUIP TECHNOLOGY		2						1				
EARLY EDUCATION											4	
ELECTRONICS												
ELEMENTARY EDUCATION											2	
FISH & WILDLIFE											2	
HEALTH INFO TECHNOLOGY	2										1	
HEATING & AIR										1		
INDUSTRIAL STUDIES												
INFO SYSTEMS SUPPORT									1			
MASSAGE THERAPY			1									
MEDICAL CODING											1	
MEDICAL LAB TECH											5	
MEDICAL OFFICE ASST	1		1					1			3	
MEDICAL TRANSCRIPT								2				
NURSING	6	11					3	4			37	
OTA								1			1	
PARAPROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR											1	
PHLEBOTOMY								1				
RADIOGRAPHY			3									
RESPIRATORY THERAPY					1							
SOCIAL & HUMAN SUPPORT											6	
SURGICAL TECHNICIAN											1	
TECHNICAL RESEARCH MAN.									1			
TELECOMMUNICATIONS												
TRUCK DRIVING		1					1	4			2	
WELDING								1			2	
WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS							2					
TOTAL	13	17	5	0	1	1	8	24	2	1	91	0

# Service Provider Reports Title 1-B Expenditures July 01, 2012—January 31, 2013

Program Year July 01, 2012—June 30, 2013

Contract Period July 1, 2011—June 30, 2013

	Adult	Dislocated Worker	In-School Youth	Out-of- School Youth
<b>PY - 12 Funds Available</b>	\$103,945.00	\$80,916.00	\$66,757.00	\$34,391.00
<b><u>Wabash Area Development</u></b>				
<b>PY - 12 funds Spent</b>	\$43,030.83	\$21,624.14	\$12,006.65	\$20,349.89
<b>PY - 12 funds Accrued</b>	<u>\$844.08</u>	<u>\$721.25</u>	<u>\$968.56</u>	<u>\$816.57</u>
<b>Funds Remaining</b>	\$60,070.09	\$58,570.61	\$53,781.79	\$13,224.54
 <b>PY - 12 Funds Available</b>	 \$114,081.00	 \$88,807.00	 \$85,586.00	 \$44,089.00
<b><u>Mid - 5 Employment</u></b>				
<b>PY - 12 funds Spent</b>	\$1,875.80	\$3,700.00	\$744.16	\$472.24
<b>PY - 12 funds Accrued</b>	<u>\$51,580.69</u>	<u>\$23,944.81</u>	<u>\$13,297.79</u>	<u>\$9,711.40</u>
<b>Funds Remaining</b>	\$60,624.51	\$61,162.19	\$71,544.05	\$33,905.36
 <b>PY - 12 Funds Available</b>	 \$149,628.00	 \$114,913.00	 \$97,314.00	 \$50,131.00
<b><u>Shawnee Development Council</u></b>				
<b>PY - 12 funds Spent</b>	\$49,925.82	\$30,105.08	\$11,290.49	\$20,154.71
<b>PY - 12 funds Accrued</b>	<u>\$36,000.00</u>	<u>\$19,600.00</u>	<u>\$5,200.00</u>	<u>\$11,300.00</u>
<b>Funds Remaining</b>	\$63,702.18	\$65,207.92	\$80,823.51	\$18,676.29
 <b>PY - 12 Funds Available</b>	 \$367,654.00	 \$284,636.00	 \$249,657.00	 \$128,611.00
<b><u>WIA # 26</u></b>				
<b>PY - 12 funds Spent</b>	\$94,832.45	\$55,429.22	\$24,041.30	\$40,976.84
<b>PY - 12 funds Accrued</b>	<u>\$184,396.78</u>	<u>\$184,940.72</u>	<u>\$206,149.35</u>	<u>\$65,806.19</u>
<b>Funds Remaining</b>	\$88,424.77	\$44,266.06	\$19,466.35	\$21,827.97

## January 2013 Expenditures

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>GL Title</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
1/3/2013	Advertinet - Web Maintenance	OFFICE EXPENSE	42.95
1/3/2013	Frontier - Telephone & Internet	TELEPHONE	200.83
1/3/2013	Wal-Mart - Board Meeting Refreshments	Meeting & Committee Expense	73.35
1/10/2013	Kim Jacobs - Pay Period 12.31.12 - 1.11.13	WAGES	1,077.12
1/10/2013	Pam Barbee - Pay Period 12.31.12 - 1.11.13	WAGES	1,238.96
1/10/2013	T & I - Copy Maintenance	OFFICE EXPENSE	104.55
1/10/2013	USPS- Stamps	POSTAGE	45.00
1/10/2013	IL Charity Bureau Fund	2011 Form AG990-IL	15.00
1/23/2013	Frontier - Telephone & Internet	TELEPHONE	205.63
1/23/2013	White County Farm Bureau - Rent & Utilities February 2013	RENT & UTILITIES	300.00
1/24/2013	Kim Jacobs - January 2013 - Insurance Reimbursement	EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE	250.00
1/24/2013	Kim Jacobs - Pay Period 1.14.13 - 1.25.13	WAGES	1,077.12
1/24/2013	P. Barbee-Travel	GR TRAVEL	312.32
1/24/2013	Pam Barbee - Pay Period 1.14.13 - 1.25.13	WAGES	1,238.96
1/24/2013	Pam Barbee - Jan 2013 - Insurance Reimbursement	EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE	250.00
1/31/2013	Advertinet - Web Maintenance	OFFICE EXPENSE	42.95
1/31/2013	P. Barbee-Travel	GR TRAVEL	236.34
1/31/2013	PY 11 Annual Report	Printing	<u>677.07</u>
Report Total			<u>\$7,388.15</u>

**So. 14 LWIB Admin Budget  
as of January 31, 2013**

<b>Line Items</b>	<b>Approved PY12 Admin Budget (7/1/12—6/30/13)</b>	<b>PY12 Expenditures</b>	<b>Available Budget</b>	<b>% of Budge Available</b>
Salaries & Benefits	77,513	43,935	33,577	43%
Rent/Utilities/Phone	5,842	3,477	2,365	40%
Office	18,432	9,129	9,304	50%
Board Travel/Training	5,792	1,428	4,364	75%
Staff Travel/Training	7,950	2,312	5,638	71%
Other (Legal/Accounting)	6,050	6,050	0	0%
Advertising/Marketing	850	283	567	67%
Equipment	0	0	0	0%
Miscellaneous	17,374	1,053	16,321	94%
EO Obligations	200	0		
Licenses & Taxes	30	25		
High Speed Internet	900	515		
Miscellaneous	16,244	513		
workNet Centers	18,765	2,359	16,406	87%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>158,568</b>	<b>70,026</b>	<b>88,542</b>	<b>56%</b>

PY12 Allocation	114,251
PY12 Trade Admin Funds	1,415
PY11 Allocated Carry forward	<u>43,216</u>
PY12 Funds Available	158,882

\*\*\*Additional carry forward funds allocated to the miscellaneous category in admin. Budget.



## News Release January 25, 2013



### Local Unemployment Rates Fall in Most Areas of Illinois

*Job Growth Up  
167,000 in  
Private Sector  
During Recovery*

### Southern Illinois Highlights

Labor market conditions gradually improved throughout Southern Illinois during 2012. Several layoff events occurred at the end of the year in the region. In December, 10 counties report higher unemployment rates, 10 lower, and one unchanged. The data is not seasonally adjusted.

Retailers and restaurants employed temporary and part-time workers for the holiday season. Over the year employment increases were reported in Transportation, Financial Activities, and Professional-Business Services. Seasonal layoffs occurred in Construction and Recreation in late fall 2012. In the last quarter of 2012, several significant Manufacturing and Mining layoffs occurred in Southern Illinois. Employment opportunities were available in Healthcare and

Medical Support, Sales, Food Service, Transportation, Office and Administrative Support, and Installation, Maintenance and Repair. A number of employment openings also were in Business and Finance, Engineering, and Production such as welders and machinists.

The unemployment rate identifies those who are out of work and seeking employment. A person who exhausts benefits, or is ineligible, still will be reflected in the unemployment rate if they actively seek work.

Illinois has added +167,000 private sector jobs since January 2010 when job growth returned to Illinois following nearly two years of monthly declines. State data is seasonally adjusted. Since January 2010, leading growth sectors in Illinois are Professional and

Business Services (+79,500); Educational and Health Services (+43,600) and Manufacturing (+39,800). Government has lost the most jobs since January 2010, down -30,700.

The IDES supports economic stability by administering unemployment benefits, collecting business contributions to fund those benefits, connecting employers with qualified job seekers, and providing economic information to assist career planning and economic development. It does so through nearly 45 offices, including Illinois workNet centers.

**Not Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates  
(percent) for Local Counties and Areas**

	Dec. 2012	Dec. 2011
<b>Carbondale Area</b>		
Alexander County	10.6%	12.7%
Jackson County	7.1%	7.5%
Massac County	9.2%	8.4%
Perry County	10.9%	10.7%
Pulaski County	10.2%	10.9%
Randolph County	8.1%	8.6%
Union County	11.1%	12.3%
<b>Marion Area</b>		
Franklin County	11.9%	11.3%
Johnson County	10.4%	10.1%
Williamson County	8.3%	8.7%
<b>Harrisburg Area</b>		
Gallatin County	8.6%	9.4%
Hamilton County	8.4%	8.2%
Hardin County	11.3%	11.2%
Pope County	10.2%	9.7%
Saline County	9.8%	9.1%
White County	7.5%	8.1%
<b>Olney - Mt. Carmel Area</b>		
Edwards County	8.5%	8.5%
Lawrence County	8.0%	8.7%
Richland County	9.6%	9.2%
Wabash County	7.8%	8.9%
Wayne County	8.7%	8.5%

## Thinking About Getting Your GED?.....NOW is the Time!!

<b>Now</b>	<b>2014</b>
Current Test Policy	Test Will Change
Paper & Pencil Test	All Computer Base GED Test
Includes General Math & Algebra	Will Include General Math, Algebra and Trigonometry
Cost of Test \$50	Cost of Test will be \$120 or more
Have we convinced you yet that 2013 is the time to enroll in a GED class? Enrolling in a GED class <u>now</u> will help you obtain your GED before these changes take place.	



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