December 17, 2010

Ms. Cynthia Lorenzo, Director
Agency for Workforce Innovation
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Dear Director Lorenzo:

We have prepared this summary status of corrective actions taken by the Agency for Workforce Innovation (AWI) pursuant to the recommendation included in Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA) Report No. 10-26, *Florida Should Not Use the Targeted Occupations Lists as the Sole Criteria to Fund Career Education*.

In the report, OPPAGA recommended that AWI and the Department of Education (DOE) establish a workgroup to identify strategies to improve the effectiveness of the Targeted Occupations Lists (TOL) and Florida Education and Training Placement Information Program (FETPIP) as tools for targeting state resources toward the best performing career education programs.

Personnel from the Office of Labor Market Statistics (LMS) met with DOE personnel on this issue. One new tool under development to assist with the effectiveness of the TOL is a new supply/demand model which will combine indicators of traditional and real time workforce, education, and labor market information. This model will add supply data in addition to the demand data and use new data sources to add to the mix. LMS is also working with DOE to enhance FETPIP data beyond its current capacity. In addition, LMS is working on new definitions and procedures related to determining training related placements. In regards to self-employed workers, LMS has prepared a proposal for a new survey for data collection.
If you have any questions, please contact me at (850) 245-7141.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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Inspector General

cc: Joint Legislative Auditing Committee
    Tom Clendenning