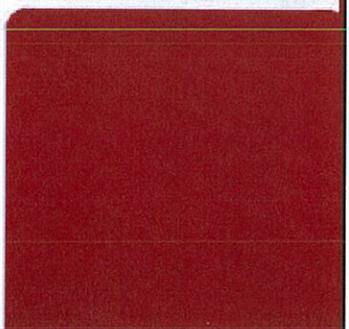
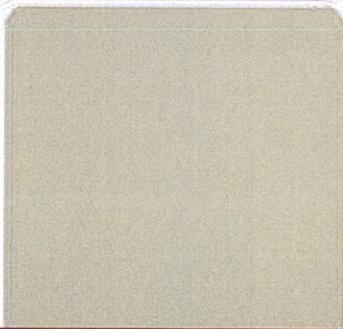
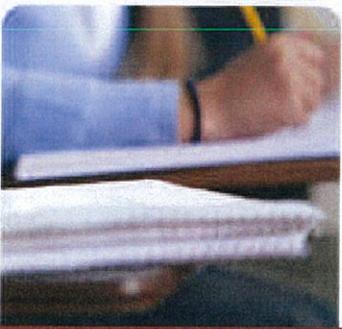
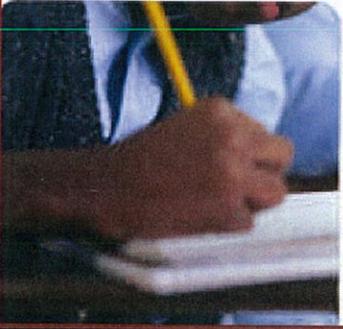
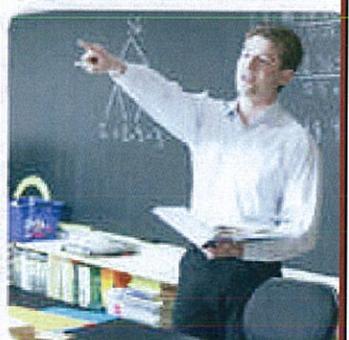
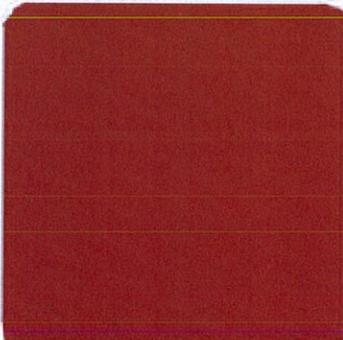
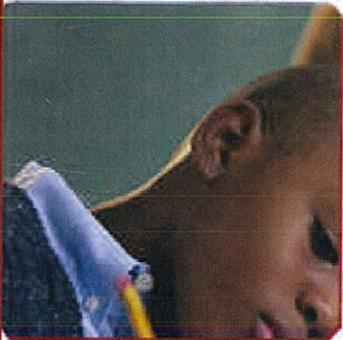


State of Maryland Workforce Data Quality Initiative (WDQI)

Part III Attachments

Submitted to:
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In Reference to:
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1.0 ABSTRACT

The Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (DLLR), Division of Workforce Development & Adult Learning (DWDAL) **selects launch point category iii**. Through this grant, DLLR and its partner the University of Baltimore's Jacob France Institute (JFI) **will target the following objectives**: 1) expand and extend current systems; 2) improve linkages with educational systems; 3) complete and publicize extensive longitudinal analysis and research with our systems; and (4) develop user-friendly platforms to show performance data and analytical reports about education and workforce service providers.

For nearly twenty years, DLLR has partnered with JFI to securely maintain, link, and use workforce administrative databases for authorized reporting, research, and evaluation purposes. We have a history of excellence and are committed to using ETA grant funds to add Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits data (training, employment services, and other demographics) to our existing State education agency longitudinal data as well as the potential for allowing analysis at the individual level. We will accomplish our project objectives by:

- Adding authorized JFI access to five years of historical Maryland UI claim/benefit administrative data and future longitudinal updating for approved performance reporting and research/evaluation use.
- Adding authorized JFI access to the existing multi-year longitudinal administrative data file and future updates for DLLR's registered apprenticeship unit for approved performance reporting and research/evaluation use.
- Completing two new analyses of administrative database quality that will have national relevance:
- Adding authorized JFI secure access to existing and future updates of DLLR Adult Education and Literacy Services, Correctional Education and Workforce Skills Training for Correctional Institutions, and GED program administrative data files; and determine what historical data files from these programs during the MSDE management years will be delivered to JFI under a MOU amendment to support defined performance reporting and research/evaluation uses.
- Adding authorized extraction from existing longitudinal MHEC public postsecondary enrollment and degree information systems databases for approved secure research/evaluation and consumer reporting uses.
- Determining if existing MSDE Career and Technology Education senior survey data file extracts will be delivered to JFI for secure approved research/evaluation and consumer reporting use.
- Adding secure access to/authorized use of existing longitudinal MSDE Division of Rehabilitation Services (DORS) administrative data extracts for approved research and reporting use.
- Add secure access to existing longitudinal Department of Disabilities administrative data extracts for approved research and reporting use.

Our **project title is Maryland's Workforce Data Quality Initiative and we are requesting \$1,000,000** to support DLLR's continued partnership with JFI and other participating State agencies to 'map' how improved administrative database capabilities align with Federal, State, local workforce investment board and economic development authority performance reporting requirements and high priority research and evaluation study opportunities.