| DIRECTIVE: | JOB CORPS INFORMATION NOTICE NO. 12-39                               |
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| TO:        | ALL JOB CORPS NATIONAL OFFICE STAFF                                  |
|            | ALL JOB CORPS REGIONAL OFFICE STAFF                                  |
|            | ALL JOB CORPS CENTER DIRECTORS                                       |
|            | ALL JOB CORPS CENTER OPERATORS                                       |
|            | ALL NATIONAL TRAINING AND SUPPORT CONTRACTORS                        |
|            | ALL OUTREACH, ADMISSIONS, AND CTS CONTRACTORS                        |
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| FROM:      | ROBERT W. PITULEJ  |
|            | Acting National Director   |
|            | Office of Job Corps  |
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| SUBJECT:   | Cumulative Fiscal Year 2012 Office of Workers' Compensation Programs |
|            | Timeliness Report: Protecting Our Workers and Ensuring Reemployment  |
|            | Initiative Update  |

- 1. <u>Purpose</u>. To provide Job Corps' Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 outcomes in meeting goals set by the president's Protecting Our Workers and Ensuring Reemployment (POWER) initiative. Job Corps achieved 100 percent timeliness in submitting student injury and occupational disease claims, forms CA-1, Notice of Traumatic Injury and Claim for Compensation, and CA-2, Notice of Occupational Disease and Claim for Compensation. It also achieved 96.9 percent timeliness in submitting student compensation claims, form CA-7, Claim for Compensation Due to Traumatic Injury or Occupational Disease, to the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP) cumulatively for FY 2012.
- 2. <u>Background</u>. For FY 2012, POWER set a goal of 95 percent timely filing of forms CA-1/CA-2, and 88 percent timely filing of form CA-7. Since 2004, Job Corps has improved the timely filing of student injury claims (CA-1/CA-2) with OWCP, in accordance with Job Corps Policy and Requirements Handbook (PRH) Chapter 5, Section 5.18, R1.

Those diligent efforts continue to yield positive results for the program. Table 1 summarizes Job Corps' OWCP CA-1/CA-2 timeliness from FY 2007 through FY 2012; Table 2 summarizes Job Corps' OWCP CA-7 timeliness for FY 2011 and 2012 (the baseline was established in FY 2009).

Table 1

| Period                  | Job Corps Timeliness of OWCP Injury Claim (CA-1/CA-2) Submission |            |            |            |            |  |
|-------------------------|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|--|
|                         | FY 2008  | FY 2009    | FY 2010    | FY 2011    | FY 2012    |  |
|                         | Goal = 95%   | Goal = 95% | Goal = 95% | Goal = 95% | Goal = 95% |  |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter | 100%   | 100%       | 97.8%      | 100%       | 100%       |  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter | 100%   | 100%       | 100%       | 100%       | 100%       |  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter | 100%   | 100%       | 98.3%      | 100%       | 100%       |  |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter | 100%   | 100%       | 100%       | 100%       | 100%       |  |
| FY Cumulative           | 100%   | 100%       | 99%        | 100%       | 100%       |  |
| Timeliness              |  |            |            |            |            |  |

Table 2

| Period                  | Job Corps Timeliness of OWCP         |            |            |  |  |  |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------|------------|--|--|--|
|                         | Compensation Claim (CA-7) Submission |            |            |  |  |  |
|                         | FY 2009                              | FY 2011    | FY 2012    |  |  |  |
|                         | Baseline                             | Goal = 67% | Goal = 88% |  |  |  |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter | N/A                                  | 76.5%      | 97.3%      |  |  |  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter | N/A                                  | 96.9%      | 95.7%      |  |  |  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter | N/A                                  | 96.8%      | 97.0%      |  |  |  |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter | N/A                                  | 94.7%      | 98.3%      |  |  |  |
| FY Cumulative           | 29.2%                                | 92.2%      | 96.9%      |  |  |  |
| Timeliness              |                                      |            |            |  |  |  |

Since Job Corps achieved 100 percent timeliness for all CA-1/CA-2 claims filed in FY 2012, it exceeded the Department of Labor's (DOL) goal of 95 percent. For the second consecutive year, Job Corps improved CA-7 timeliness. In FY 2012, Job Corps filed 96.9 percent of CA-7s on time, thus exceeding DOL's goal of 88 percent. It is critical that centers continue to emphasize the need for timely SHIMS recordkeeping and OWCP claim submission in order to meet the goals for FY 2013.

- 3. <u>Action</u>. Job Corps Center Directors and SHIMS recordkeepers are reminded of the following:
  - a. Injuries must be documented in SHIMS within 7 calendar days of supervisor notice. Further, centers must receive approval from the Office of Job Corps prior to forwarding a CA-1 or CA-2 to OWCP. Job Corps' timeliness goal for filing student injury claims remains 100 percent. Send OWCP approval requests via e-mail to perez.alejandro@dol.gov and edmonds.heather@dol.gov.
  - b. Form CA-16, Authorization for Examination and/or Treatment, is sent to OWCP to provide documentation of an injury in conjunction with the CA-1 or CA-2 that is forwarded to OWCP. The completed CA-16 must be mailed to OWCP immediately after the OWCP claim number is assigned. Note: The CA-16 should be mailed to OWCP's Central Case Create facility. Refer to Information Notice 11-25 for more

information.

- c. Form CA-7 is issued in conjunction with the CA-1 or CA-2 <u>only if the student is</u> <u>medically separated due to injury</u>. After receiving approval from the Office of Job Corps to forward the CA-1 or CA-2 to OWCP in SHIMS, the center will be instructed to fax or e-mail the signed CA-7 to the National Office. The Office of Job Corps must file the CA-7 with OWCP within 5 days of the student's signature. Due to the short filing deadline, the student (or his/her authorized representative) must sign the form and leave it undated. Do not mail this form to OWCP.
- d. Once a student returns to center from medical separation, OWCP must be notified in writing.
- e. If a student leaves Job Corps while he or she is receiving OWCP benefits, he or she should be advised to contact the Office of Job Corps in order to file subsequent CA-7s if necessary.
- f. The FY 2013 goal for CA-1/CA-2 timeliness remains unchanged at 95 percent. However, the CA-7 timeliness goal for FY 2013 is 93.4 percent. Centers must continually strive to improve management of their student OWCP claims in order to meet the ever-increasing POWER timeliness goals.
- g. For up-to-date information and goal tracking, visit the Job Corps POWER website, http://www.dol.gov/owcp/dfec/power/getxls.htm?id=1580001.

Addressees are to ensure this Information Notice is distributed to all appropriate staff.

- 4. <u>Expiration Date</u>. Until superseded.
- 5. <u>Inquiries</u>. Inquiries should be directed to Marsha Fitzhugh at (202) 693-3099 or fitzhugh.marsha@dol.gov, or Alex Perez at (202) 693-2825 or perez.alejandro@dol.gov.