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SUBJECT: FSP – Kansas – Request to Waive 7 CFR 273.24

TO: Jody Cornwell
Regional Director
Mountain Plains Region

This is in response to the Kansas State agency's memorandum of March 7, 2006 (forwarded to us through email), requesting an extension of its current waiver exempting residents of certain areas from the work requirement for Able-Bodied Adults without Dependents (ABAWDs). Under the State's currently approved waiver residents of Sumner County and Wichita City in Sedgwick County are exempt from the work requirements based on the designation as Labor Surplus Areas (LSAs) by the Employment and Training Administration of the U.S. Department of Labor for 2006. The State is requesting a 2-year waiver. This same county and city were designated Labor Surplus in 2005, supporting a two year waiver approval. The BLS data supports Sumner County and Wichita City in Sedgwick County as Labor Surplus, but does not support areas including all of Sedgwick County for 2006. Therefore, the State is only requesting to waive ABAWDs residing in the city of Wichita.

We are approving this waiver as a modified request under a new waiver number for a two-year period effective May 1, 2006 through April 30, 2008.

If you have any questions, please contact Celeste Perkins of my staff via email or telephone at (703) 305-2507.

/s/

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