PURPOSE
To define Long Term Unemployed as it relates to eligibility for Disaster Recovery DWG Grants.

REFERENCES
Training & Employment Guidance Letter 12-19
20 CFR 687.170(b)

POLICY
In order implement and quickly enroll participants into Disaster Recovery Grants it is necessary to define eligible participant requirements.

SOWIB will follow guidance provided in TEGL 12-19 as follows:

**Eligible Participants**
An individual eligible to receive services through a Disaster Recovery DWG must be one of the following, per 20 CFR 687.170(b):

1. temporarily or permanently laid off as a consequence of the disaster;
2. a dislocated worker as defined at 29 U.S.C. 3102(3)(15);
3. a long-term unemployed worker; or
4. a self-employed individual who became unemployed or significantly underemployed as a result of the disaster or emergency.

DEFINITIONS

- **Long Term Unemployed** – SOWIB will adopt the Bureau of Labor & Statistics definition, “a person who has been unemployed for 27 or more consecutive weeks.

*Please note: there is no previous work history requirement.*