APPENDIX A

TICKET TO WORK TIMELINE AND ROLLOUT PHASE

Table A.1. Ticket To Work Program Implementation and Evaluation Timeline

Time Period	Implementation Activity or Milestone		
	1999		
December 17	Ticket Act enacted, establishing Ticket to Work Program		
	2000		
Throughout Year	SSA Office of Employment Support Programs (OESP) begins to develop principal policies and rules in consultation with SSA deputy commissioners		
August to December	Draft Notice of Proposed Rule Making negotiated with the Office of Management and Budget		
September 29	The Program Manager contract was signed with MAXIMUS, Inc.		
November 13	Selection of 13 Phase 1 states announced		
December 28	Notice of Proposed Rulemaking published, starting the 60-day public comment period		
	2001		
Throughout Year	Recommendations for resolving major issues raised by public comment on the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking were considered by deputy commissioners		
February 26	Notice of Proposed Rulemaking public comment period ended. SSA received comments from over 400 interested parties, including federal, state, and local agencies; employers; organizations and advocates for people with disabilities, rehabilitation service providers, disability beneficiaries; and others.		
April 13	Request for Proposals on EN contracts were published		
October to December	Draft final Ticket to Work regulations published		
	2002		
February	Selection of Phase 2 and 3 state announced		
February 5	Phase 1 begins. Tickets were released to 10 percent of the eligible beneficiaries in Phase 1 states		

Table A.1 (continued)

Time Period	Implementation Activity or Milestone	
April	Tickets were released to an additional 20 percent of the eligible beneficiaries in the Phase 1 states	
May	Tickets were released to an additional 30 percent of the eligible beneficiaries in the Phase 1 states	
June	Tickets were released to the final 40 percent of the eligible beneficiaries in the Phase 1 states	
November	Phase 2 begins. Tickets were distributed gradually. Ten percent of the Tickets were mailed each month from November 2002 through September 2003 (no tickets were mailed in December).	
	2003	
May 29	Contract was awarded to Mathematica and Cornell for the Evaluation of the Ticket to Work Program, Part A	
May 29	Contract was awarded to Mathematica and Cornell for the Evaluation of the Ticket to Work Program, Part B, Survey Data Collection	
June	National Beneficiary Survey sample was drawn for Round 1	
October	Participant sample was drawn for Round 1	
November	Phase 3 begins. Tickets were distributed gradually. Ten percent of the Tickets were mailed each month from November 2003 through September 2004 (no tickets were mailed in December).	
	2004	
February 24	National Beneficiary Survey, Round 1 data collection began	
June	National Beneficiary Survey sample was drawn for Round 2	
September 30	National Beneficiary Survey, Round 1 data collection ended	
	2005	
February 7	National Beneficiary Survey, Round 2 data collection began	
June	National Beneficiary Survey sample was drawn for Round 3	
September 30	Notice of Proposed Rulemaking was issued: Amendments to the Ticket to Work and Self-Sufficiency Program	
September 30	National Beneficiary Survey, Round 2 data collection ended	
	2006	
May	Request for Application was issued for the former Benefits Planning Assistance and Outreach (BPAO) Program, renamed the Work Incentives Planning and Assistance (WIPA) Program	
September 30	Work Incentives Planning and Assistance Program awards were granted	
October	Second request for Application issued for the WIPA Program	

Time Period	Implementation Activity or Milestone	
October	Contract was awarded to CESSI to be the new Program Manager for Recruitment and Outreach (PMRO)	
	Contract was re-awarded to Maximus to be the Operations Support Manager (OSM)	
	2007	
March	Second round of WIPA awards granted	
June	Contract was awarded to Mathematica for the Process Evaluation of the WIPA Program	
July/August	Contract was awarded to VCU for providing technical assistance and training to the Work Incentives Planning and Assistance Program grantees	
August 13	Notice of Proposed Rulemaking was issued: Improvements to the Ticket to Work and Self-Sufficiency Program	
	2008	
May 20	Final Amendments to the Ticket To Work and Self-Sufficiency Program issued	
July 21	New TTW regulations became effective	

Source: SSA documents and MPR interview with SSA staff

Table A.2. States and Territories Included in Each Phase of TTW Implementation

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Phase 1: 13 States				
Arizona	lowa	Oregon		
Colorado	Massachusetts	South Carolina		
Delaware	New York	Vermont		
Florida	Oklahoma	Wisconsin		
Illinois				
Phase 2: 20 States + the District of Columbia				
Alaska	Kentucky	New Hampshire		
Arkansas	Louisiana	New Jersey		
Connecticut	Michigan	New Mexico		
District of Columbia	Mississippi	North Dakota		
Georgia	Missouri	South Dakota		
Indiana	Montana	Tennessee		
Kansas	Nevada	Virginia		
Phase 3: 17 States + the U.S. Territories				
Alabama	Ohio	American Samoa		
California	Pennsylvania	Guam		
Hawaii	Rhode Island	Northern Mariana Islands		
Idaho	Texas	Puerto Rico		
Maine	Utah	Virgin Islands		
Maryland	Washington			
Minnesota	West Virginia			
Nebraska	Wyoming			
North Carolina				

Source: www.ssa.gov/work/ticket_states_announcement.html, accessed August 19, 2003.