Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training Grants Program

AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration (ETA), Labor

ACTION: Notice: Amendment to SGA/DFA PY 11-08

SUMMARY: The Employment and Training Administration published a notice in the Federal Register on February 24, 2012, announcing the availability of funds and Solicitation for Grant Applications (SGA) for the Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training grant program (TAACCCT) to be awarded through a competitive process. This amendment to the SGA clarifies the intent of the Department of Labor to fund projects that expand and improve the ability of eligible institutions to deliver undergraduate education and training programs, and clarifies that costs associated with the development and delivery of a graduate degree program will not be allowed under these grants. The document is hereby amended.

• In the Summary, p. 1 of the solicitation (http://www.doleta.gov/grants/pdf/taaccct_sga_dfa_py_11_08.pdf), the following text should be replaced:

  o Old Text – “The TAACCCT grant program provides eligible institutions of higher education, as defined in section 102 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1002), with funds to expand and improve their ability to deliver education and career training programs that can be completed in two years or less, and are suited for workers who are eligible for training under the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) for Workers Program (“TAA-eligible workers”) of the Trade Act of 1974 (as amended) 19 U.S.C. 2271-2323, as well as other adults.”

  o New Text – “The TAACCCT grant program provides eligible institutions of higher education, as defined in section 102 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1002), with funds to expand and improve their ability to deliver undergraduate education and career training programs that can be completed in two years or less (such as associate degrees, certificates, and certifications), and are suited for workers who are eligible for training under the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) for Workers Program (“TAA-eligible workers”) of the Trade Act of 1974 (as amended) 19 U.S.C. 2271-2323, as well as other adults.”

• In Section I.A, p. 3 of the solicitation, the following text should be replaced:

  o Old Text – “The TAACCCT program provides grants to eligible institutions to expand and improve their ability to deliver education and career training programs that can be completed in two years or less, are suited for TAA-eligible workers, and prepare
participants in grant-funded programs for employment in high-wage, high-skill occupations.”

- New Text – “The TAACCCT program provides grants to eligible institutions to expand and improve their ability to deliver undergraduate education and career training programs that can be completed in two years or less (such as associate degrees, certificates, and certifications), are suited for TAA-eligible workers, and prepare participants in grant-funded programs for employment in high-wage, high-skill occupations.”

- In Section I.E, p. 10 of the solicitation, the following text should be replaced:
  - Old Text – “Unallowable activities include the use of grant funds to pay the costs of a participant’s tuition (including scholarships), books, fees, and other personal expenditures; incentive payments for participants such as performance-based cash bonuses; wages of participants (including the wages of students participating in co-operative education programs, Registered Apprenticeship, or internships) and stipends for wage replacement of participants; the purchase of real property; and construction (not including altering or renovating facilities, as described above).”

- New Text – “Unallowable activities include the development and delivery of graduate-level degree programs (such as master’s degrees). Unallowable activities also include the use of grant funds to pay the costs of a participant’s tuition (including scholarships), books, fees, and other personal expenditures; incentive payments for participants such as performance-based cash bonuses; wages of participants (including the wages of students participating in co-operative education programs, Registered Apprenticeship, or internships) and stipends for wage replacement of participants; the purchase of real property; and construction (not including altering or renovating facilities, as described above).”

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