Training to Work 3 – Adult Reentry Grants

AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor

ACTION: Amendment to FOA-ETA-15-07

SUMMARY: The Employment and Training Administration announced on March 24, 2015, the availability of funds and Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) for Training to Work 3 – Adult Reentry grants to be awarded through a competitive process. This amendment to the FOA amends the language in the Key Dates, Executive Summary, and Sections I, II, III, and IV.

The document is hereby amended as follows:

Key Dates (new language in bold)

Old Text:
The closing date for receipt of applications under this Announcement is May 1, 2015. Applications must be received no later than 4:00:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

New Text:
The closing dates for receipt of applications under this Announcement are May 1, 2015 and January 15, 2016. Applications must be received no later than 4:00:00 p.m. Eastern Time. Applicants may apply for either of the two closing dates or both. If an applicant wishes to apply for the January 15, 2016 closing date, please do not submit an application earlier than October 1, 2015. ETA expects to issue an amendment in September 2015 giving further guidance related to the January 15, 2016 closing. Applications will be reviewed and selections will be made after each of these closing dates.

Applications that were submitted by the May 1, 2015 closing date but not selected for funding will not automatically be considered for the January 15, 2016 closing date. However, applicants will have the opportunity to re-submit their application or submit a new application for the competition closing on January 15, 2016.

Executive Summary (new language in bold)

Old Text:
The Employment and Training Administration (ETA), U.S. Department of Labor, announces the availability of approximately $27 million in grant funds authorized by the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) and the Second Chance Act of 2007 for Training to Work 3 – Adult Reentry (T2W3). ETA plans to award approximately 20 grants of up to $1,360,000 each to serve male and female ex-offenders, referred to in the FOA as returning citizens.
New Text:

For the competition closing on May 1, 2015, the Employment and Training Administration (ETA) plans to award approximately $27 million in grant funds authorized by the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) and the Second Chance Act of 2007 for Training to Work 3 – Adult Reentry. ETA plans to award approximately 20 grants of up to $1,360,000 each to serve male and female ex-offenders, referred to in this FOA as returning citizens. The awards available for the competition closing in January 2016 will depend on available funds. Applicants may only submit one application for each closing date in response to this solicitation.

Section I.B Program Authority (new language in bold)

Old Text:

This program is authorized by Section 171, Pilot and Demonstration Projects, of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA), and Section 212 of the Second Chance Act of 2007.

New Text:

This program is authorized by Section 171, Pilot and Demonstration Projects, of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA), and Section 212 of the Second Chance Act of 2007. For grants awarded after the January 2016 closing date, this program is authorized by Section 169 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (PL 113-128) and Section 212 of the Second Change Act of 2007.

Section IIA – Award Type and Amount (new language in bold)

Old Text:

Awards made under this Announcement are subject to the availability of Federal funds. In the event that additional funds become available, we reserve the right to use such funds to select additional grantees from applications submitted in response to this Announcement.

New Text:

Awards made under this Announcement are subject to the availability of Federal funds. In the event that additional funds become available, we reserve the right to use such funds to select additional grantees from applications submitted in response to this Announcement.

Funds made available for this program in Program Year (PY) 15 and PY 16 will be used to select additional grantees from applications submitted in accordance with the criteria and procedures described in this FOA. The second closing date will be January 15, 2016. Under this second closing date, we will accept applications for funding under this solicitation and award grants from PY 15 and PY 16 funds.
Section III.C.2 Number of Applications to be Submitted (new language in bold)

Old Text:

An organization may only submit one application. Multiple applications from an organization are not allowed. If multiple applications are received, the most recent application submitted will be accepted. If the most recent application is disqualified for any reason, we will not replace it with an earlier application. A single application may be submitted to serve multiple sites.

New Text:

An organization may only submit one application for each closing date in response to this solicitation. Multiple applications for a single closing date from an organization are not allowed. If multiple applications for a single closing date are received, the most recent application submitted will be accepted. If the most recent application is disqualified for any reason, we will not replace it with an earlier application. A single application for each closing date may be submitted to serve multiple sites.

Section IV.B.4 – Attachments to the Project Narrative (new language in bold)

Old Text:

a. Abstract:
You must submit an up to two-page abstract summarizing the proposed project, including, but not limited to, the scope of the project and proposed outcomes.

New Text:

a. Abstract:
You must submit an up to two-page abstract summarizing the proposed project, including, but not limited to, the scope of the project and proposed outcomes. Applicants must indicate if they are a previously-funded or new applicant as defined in Section IV.B.3.

Old Text:

b. The Auditor’s Report
for the most recently completed independent audit, completed within three (3) years of the application due date.

New Text:

b. The Auditor’s Report
For the most recently completed independent audit, completed within three (3) years of the application due date. Omission of this document will impact scoring.

Old Text:

d. Documentation from the Internal Revenue Service that verifies the applicant’s non-profit 501(c)(3) status. All applicants must submit this verification even if the applicant is a current DOL grantee and documentation is assumed to be on file.
New Text:

d. Documentation from the Internal Revenue Service that verifies the applicant’s non-profit 501(c)(3) status. All applicants must submit this verification even if the applicant is a current DOL grantee and documentation is assumed to be on file. **This attachment does not impact scoring of the application.**

Old Text:

g. Applicants applying for priority consideration must submit a certification (HUD Form 50153) signed by an authorized representative of the lead organization of a Promise Zone designated by HUD or the Department of Agriculture supporting the application. **Omission of this document will impact scoring.**

New Text:

g. Applicants applying for priority consideration must submit a certification (HUD Form 50153) signed by an authorized representative of the lead organization of a Promise Zone designated by HUD or the Department of Agriculture supporting the application. **Omission of this document will impact scoring.**

Old Text:

h. (For New Applicants Only) A performance chart that:
  * Specifies the performance goals, report timeliness, and spending rate analysis information for a previous grant.
  * In the chart, applicants must also provide the project grant number along with the name, title organization, e-mail address, and telephone number of an individual from the previous grantor entity or agency who has oversight for the program.

New Text:

h. (For New Applicants Only) A performance chart that:
  * Specifies the performance goals, report timeliness, and spending rate analysis information for a previous grant.
  * In the chart, applicants must also provide the project grant number along with the name, title organization, e-mail address, and telephone number of an individual from the previous grantor entity or agency who has oversight for the program. **Omission of this document will impact scoring.**

Section IV.C Submission Date, Times and Processes (new language in bold)

Old Text:

The closing date for receipt of applications under this Announcement is May 1, 2015.

New Text:

The closing date for receipt of applications under this Announcement is May 1, 2015 **for grants expected to begin in July, 2015, and January 15, 2016 for grants expected to begin in April, 2016.** For applications submitted for the January 15, 2016 closing date, DOL will accept applications from October 1, 2015 to January 15, 2016.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Brinda Ruggles, Grants Management Specialist, Office of Grants Management, at (202) 693-3437 or T2W3@dol.gov.

Signed April 22, 2015 in Washington, D.C. by:

Melissa Abdullah
Grant Officer, Employment & Training Administration