

**Webinar Invitation**  
**Youthful Offender Registered Apprenticeship, Alternative Education, and Project Expansion: Solicitation for Grant Applications**

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**Time:** 2:00pm Eastern (1:00pm/Central, 12:00pm/Mountain, 11:00am/Pacific)

**Length:** 90 minutes

**Description:**

**Background:** The Employment and Training Administration announces the availability of approximately \$20 million for Youthful Offender Grants. Over the next decade, the percentage of workers between the ages of 16 and 24 is expected to grow more rapidly than the overall workforce. The 21<sup>st</sup> century economic landscape is rapidly changing with technology and globalization altering the nature of work and the skills and training needed by workers to compete in this new reality. Ninety percent of the fastest growing jobs in the United States today require post-secondary education. Therefore, the rapidly growing youth labor force is emerging at a time where advanced education, skills, and abilities have a heightened importance in preparing the talent employers will need to populate their workforce.

**Description:** These grants will be awarded through a competitive process for three categories of projects- (1) Registered Apprenticeship (to increase the placement of young adults being released from the criminal justice system in registered apprenticeship); (2) Alternative Educational Pathways (to increase the educational achievement and attainment of youth in the juvenile justice system); and (3) Project Expansion (to replicate effective programs for serving juvenile offenders). Applicants can apply for grants in more than one of these categories, but separate applications must be submitted for each category.

**Eligibility:** Applicants may be faith-based and community organizations, national community-based organizations, State Apprenticeship Agencies, state workforce agencies, local workforce investment boards, state correctional agencies, Indian/Native American, Native Hawaiian, Alaskan Native and Pacific Islander Tribal Governments or organizations that are Federally recognized. Funding for the three categories of awards is expected to be as follows: Registered apprenticeship, four grants at \$1 million each; Alternative Educational Pathways, six grants at \$1 million each; and Expansion, five grants at \$2 million each. Applicants are required to submit budgets within this financial range.

**Deadline:** The closing date for receipt of applications is May 31, 2007 (5:00 p.m EST). The access information for this Prospective Applicant Webinar will be posted on ETA's Web site at [http://www.doleta.gov/youth\\_services](http://www.doleta.gov/youth_services). The May 2<sup>nd</sup> Federal Register provides full background, application preparation and submission instructions, Federal review criteria, and additional resources.

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