

# ETA FISCAL YEAR 2015 BUDGET REQUEST HIGHLIGHTS

## ETA FY 2015 REQUEST

- FY 2015 Budget Request of \$9.5 billion includes:
  - \$8.8 billion for existing discretionary programs
  - \$710.6 million for Federal Unemployment Benefits and Allowances (FUBA)
- Represents a decrease of \$284.9 million from the FY 2014 enacted level
- Supports 1,137 FTE (781 FTE for PA, 188 FTE for Fed Admin of OFLC, 168 FTE for PA in OJC)
- To accomplish ETA's mission, the Request reflects hard investment choices – to promote and protect opportunities for all Americans through cost effective, evidenced-based workforce solutions

## EXISTING PROGRAMS

### Program Administration - \$155.6 M for PA & 781 FTE

ETA's priority for S&E funds is to invest in federal staff to provide oversight and TA necessary to:

- increase industry-recognized credentials attainment
- deploy effective strategies that accelerate reemployment of job seekers in in-demand industries
- Implement job-driven workforce solutions that help businesses grow

### Federal Unemployment Benefits and Allowances (FUBA) - \$710.6 million

- This assumes the TAA program will sunset on December 31, 2014, unless the New Career Pathways (NCP) program, proposed in this Budget is enacted; or the TAA program is reauthorized

### Training and Employment Services - \$3.255 billion, an increase of \$106.7 million

- Formula Programs - maintains the State Reserve increase provided in FY 2014 from 5% to 8.75%
- Workforce Innovation Fund (WIF) - \$60 million, an increase of \$12.7 million over FY 2014 enacted level (includes \$10 million for disconnected youth, \$20 million for Pay for Success projects)
- Evaluation Set-Aside – continues set-aside funding mechanism so evaluations and research activities will be conducted by ETA in consultation with the Department's CEO
- Women in Apprenticeship and Non-Traditional Occupations - propose elimination of the program

### State Unemployment Insurance and Employment Service Operations (SUIESO) - \$3.676 billion

- Unemployment Insurance (UI) - \$2.7 billion as follows:
  - \$2.697.8 billion for UI State Administration;
  - \$14.5 million for UI National Activities;
  - \$157.7 million for Reemployment Eligibility Assessments;
- Employment Service - \$684.0 million
- Foreign Labor Certification - \$762.3.0 million for FLC activities, including \$48 million for program administration and \$14.3 million for State Grants
- Workforce Information-Electronic Tools-System Building - \$60.1 million to provide the DEI grants, Workforce Information Grants to States, and allow for electronic tools and reporting systems

### Job Corps - \$1.7 billion and 168 FTE

- Operations – \$1.6 billion, an increase of \$2.8 million over the FY 2014 enacted for new center operations
- Construction – \$75 million, a decrease of \$5 million from the FY 2014 enacted level, to enhance and maintain facilities
- Administration – \$32.3 million, an increase of \$2.2 million over FY 2014 enacted level

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## Senior Community Service Employment Program

- In FY 2015 and thereafter, the Administration has proposed to transfer SCSEP to the Administration on Aging (AOA) in the Department of Health and Human Services.

## NEW INITIATIVES

### Opportunity, Growth, and Security Initiative

- Community College Job-Driven Training Fund - \$1.0 billion to support industry-education partnerships to develop and disseminate common credentials and skills assessments
- Apprenticeship Training Fund - \$500.0 million for formula grants to increase the number of Registered Apprenticeships and competitive grants to foster partnerships
- Skills Grants - \$750.0 million to restore prior cuts in job training and employment services grants, provide incentives, assist targeted populations
- State Paid Leave Fund - \$100.0 million requested to fund activities designed to expand adoption of state paid leave programs

State Paid Leave Fund - In addition, \$5.0 million is requested to provide grants to states to assist in planning and start-up activities relating to state family paid leave programs

### TES Initiatives

- WIA Incentive Grants - \$80.0 million for incentive grants to states and tribal entities that best align their workforce, education, and social service systems to improve outcomes for all individuals
- Sector Strategies - \$15.0 million for competitive grants to states and regions to support the development and implementation of sector strategies

## LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS

### Job-Driven Training for Youth and the Long-Term Unemployed

- Bridge to Work – \$2 billion for innovative reemployment initiatives and reforms focused on the Long-Term Unemployed (LTU)
- Back to Work Partnerships – \$4 billion for competitive grants for partnerships to provide work-based experiences for the LTU that lead to employment
- Summer Jobs Plus – \$2.5 billion for subsidized summer/year-round employment opportunities for low-income youth, and competitive grants for promising/innovative strategies to improve outcomes

### SUIESO Legislative Proposals

- Establish an enhanced **Reemployment and Eligibility Assessments and Reemployment Services (REA/RES)** program in all states
- Mandate states' use of the **State Information Data Exchange System (SIDES)**
- Establish an offset for concurrent receipt of **Social Security Disability Insurance**
- Require states to cross-match UI claimants with the **Prisoner Update Processing System (PUPS)** database housed at the Social Security Administration

### New Career Pathways (NCP formerly UDW)

- Merges the best of the TAA & WIA DW programs that serve overlapping populations and streamlines access to services, treating all displaced workers equally regardless of why they lost their jobs, & provides more services to workers overall