

**Department of Labor  
Employment and Training Administration**



**Upcoming ETA Funding Opportunities**

**Disability Employment Initiative**

Based on the availability of funding, the Employment and Training Administration (ETA), in coordination with Department of Labor's (DOL's) Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP), will make available a third round of cooperative agreements in late winter to state agencies that administer the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) this spring. These funds will provide an opportunity for states to develop and implement a plan for improving effective and meaningful participation of persons with disabilities in the workforce. DOL will use this funding to implement the Disability Employment Initiative (DEI), through which the Department intends to make grant awards designed to: 1) improve educational, training, and employment opportunities and outcomes of youth and adults with disabilities who are unemployed, underemployed, and/or receiving Social Security disability benefits; and 2) help these individuals with disabilities find a path into the middle class through exemplary and model service delivery by the public workforce system. The complete solicitation can be found at [http://www.doleta.gov/grants/find\\_grants.cfm](http://www.doleta.gov/grants/find_grants.cfm).

Closing Date: 6/15/12

### **The Advanced Manufacturing Jobs and Innovation Accelerator Challenge**

The Advanced Manufacturing Jobs and Innovation Accelerator Challenge (Advanced Manufacturing Jobs Accelerator) Federal Funding Opportunity (FFO) is designed to foster workforce skills training, increase public and private investments, and enhance economic prosperity by harnessing the economic growth and job creation potential resulting from advanced manufacturing activities within high-growth industry clusters that have been identified by regional stakeholders. This initiative is designed to leverage existing financial and technical resources from five distinct Federal agencies through awards to approximately 12 projects that will be selected through competitive multi-agency grants. The participating funding agencies anticipate providing approximately \$26 million in Federal support for the grantees, each with a project period of up to three years. The funding level of each participating Federal Agency will vary, subject to the availability of their respective appropriations. This collaboration allows applicants to submit one application to leverage multiple complementary Federal funding sources to comprehensively promote advanced manufacturing activities and support cluster development.

The funding agencies and programs are:

- The U.S. Department of Commerce's (DOC) Economic Development Administration (EDA);
- The DOC's National Institute of Standards and Technology's (NIST's) Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP);
- The U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE's) Advanced Manufacturing Office (AMO);
- The Department of Labor's (DOL) Employment and Training Administration (ETA); and,
- The Small Business Administration (SBA).
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In addition, the National Science Foundation (NSF) is making funds available for existing Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) grantees (Phase II only) that are part of or central to awarded projects. For more information about this FFO including a list of Frequently Asked Questions, please visit

[www.manufacturing.gov](http://www.manufacturing.gov) and the complete solicitation can be found at

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