

**Department of Labor
Employment and Training Administration**



Upcoming ETA Funding Competitive Opportunities

H-1B Ready to Work Partnership Grants: \$150 million Announced: February 19, 2014

This grant program is designed to provide long-term unemployed workers with individualized counseling, training and supportive and specialized services leading to rapid employment in occupations and industries for which employers use H-1B visas to hire foreign workers. A small percentage of other unemployed and/or incumbent workers may also be served through this program. These grants are financed by a user fee paid by employers to bring foreign workers into the United States under the H-1B nonimmigrant visa program. This program was authorized under Section 414 (c) of the American Competitiveness and Workforce Improvement Act of 1998 (ACWIA), as amended (29 USC 2916a). Grant awards will be made only to the extent that funds are available.

Grants will be awarded to the lead applicant of a public and private partnership of entities that includes: the workforce investment system; training providers, such as community colleges and community-based and faith-based organizations; and, business and business-related groups, trade associations, nonprofit business or industry, organizations functioning as workforce intermediaries for the expressed purpose of serving the needs of businesses, individual businesses, or consortia of businesses. As a pre-condition to be considered for Ready to Work funding, there must be at least three employers or a regional industry association consisting of at least three employers who are actively engaged in the project. Additional partners that reflect the character and resources of the local or regional economy and the community are strongly encouraged. Finally, the department is committed to producing strong evidence on the effectiveness of the grantee programs and full participation in any national evaluation initiated by DOL is a condition of all grants awarded.

The complete solicitation may be found at http://www.doleta.gov/grants/pdf/SGA_DFA_PY_13_07.pdf

The closing date for receipt of applications under this announcement: June 19, 2014

Reintegration of Ex-Offenders (RExO) Grants Training to Work 2-Adult Reentry: \$30 million Announced February 18, 2014

This Training to Work 2-Adult Reentry (T2W2) Solicitation for Grant Application (SGA) provides the opportunity for organizations to develop and implement career pathway programs in demand sectors and occupations for men and women who are at least 18 years old and who are enrolled in work release programs (WRPs). Additionally, grantees must provide a strategy to prioritize services to veterans that are in these WRPs. Career pathways are frameworks that help to define and map out a sequence of education, training and workforce skills training resulting in skilled workers that meet employers' needs. Career pathways are an approach to linking and

coordinating education and training services in ways that enable workers to attain such credentials, and ultimately, employment.

The complete solicitation may be found at http://www.doleta.gov/grants/pdf/T2W2_SGA-DFA-PY-13-03.pdf

The closing date for receipt of applications under this announcement: April 18, 2014

**YouthBuild Grants: \$73 million
Announced February 18, 2014**

Grant awards for this competition are expected to be announced in the summer of 2014. The YouthBuild program is a community development program that serves youth ages 16-24. The target population for YouthBuild is high school dropouts who may be youth aging out of foster care, youth with disabilities, adjudicated youth, or other at-risk populations. The YouthBuild program uses a dual model combining academic education and occupational skills training leading to the completion of a high school diploma or high school equivalent. Participants receive an opportunity to gain industry-recognized certifications in construction trades while gaining hands-on experience in the construction industry. This grant program provides funding, resources, and technical assistance to public or private non-profit organizations. To learn more about YouthBuild, visit www.doleta.gov/youth_services/YouthBuild.cfm.

The complete solicitation may be found at http://www.doleta.gov/grants/pdf/YouthBuild_SGA-DFA-PY-13-04.pdf

The closing date for receipt of applications under this announcement: April 22, 2014

**RExO Face Forward 2 – Intermediary and Community Grants: \$44 million
Announced March 13, 2014**

The Face Forward 2 - Intermediary and Community grants will offer organizations the opportunity to develop programs that address the employment barriers of court involved youth while helping these youth develop the employment skills needed to obtain good jobs. These grants will help participants move forward into the future by combining the most promising workforce and juvenile justice strategies available. These grants will systematically improve the workforce outcomes of court-involved youth who will obtain industry-recognized credentials that prepare them for jobs in in-demand industries using career pathways.

The core project components for these grants include: case management, mentoring, educational interventions, service-learning, occupational training in demand industries which lead to industry-recognized credentials, workforce activities that lead to employment, follow-up activities, and expungement and diversion. The expungement and diversion components will be provided through the juvenile justice system (JJS) and non-profit legal services organizations.

Grantees or sub-grantees of intermediary organizations must collaborate with the local components of the JJS to ensure court-involved youth receive referrals into their programs as a means of diverting the youth's juvenile charge(s), and collaborate with non-profit legal services organizations to provide legal services that assist program participants with expungement.

The complete solicitation can be found at http://www.doleta.gov/grants/find_grants.cfm .

The closing date for receipt of applications under this announcement: May 2, 2014

**Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Section 166 Indian and Native American Grants
Anticipated Solicitation Announcement: Spring 2014**

To meet the employment and training needs of the Indian, Alaskan Native, and Native Hawaiian population in PY 2014 and 2015 (April 1, 2014 through June 30, 2016), the Department will award approximately \$58 million to operate the WIA Section 166 program. The Indian and Native American Program prepares workers for good jobs by improving their skills through effective training programs so they can achieve their academic and occupation goals, enabling them to be prepared for the workforce; increasing the literacy skills of the participants to position them to be prepared for occupational training in growth occupations; and promoting economic and social development of Indians and Native Americans, consistent with community goals and values.

The complete solicitation can be found at http://www.doleta.gov/grants/pdf/SGA-DFA-PY-13-02_native_employment.pdf

The closing date for receipt of applications under this announcement: April 23, 2014

**Women in Apprenticeship and Nontraditional Occupations (WANTO) Technical Assistance Grants
Anticipated Solicitation Announcement: April 2014**

The purpose of these grants is to provide approximately \$1.8 million in funding to community-based organizations (CBOs) to deliver technical assistance to Registered Apprenticeship Programs (RAPs) to assist them in placing women into apprenticeable and nontraditional occupations (A/NTO). These grants will be awarded competitively to CBOs to set up and administer a Regional/Multi-State TA Center that will focus on conducting innovative projects to improve the recruitment, selection, training, employment, and retention of women in apprenticeable occupations. The grants will be provided to CBOs who will deliver technical assistance to RAPs.

**Workforce Innovation Fund Grants
Anticipated Solicitation Announcement: Spring 2014**

The Workforce Innovation Fund will award approximately \$45 million in grants to support innovative approaches to the design and delivery of employment and training services that generate long-term improvements in the performance of the public workforce system in terms of job-seeker and employer outcomes and cost-effectiveness.

**Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training Grants (TAACCCT)
Anticipated Solicitation Announcement: Spring 2014**

Approximately \$450 million is available for the Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training grants program (TAACCCT), which funds eligible institutions of higher education to offer, develop, or improve training and education programs to serve workers who are eligible for training under the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) for Workers program. Eligible institutions may be located in the 50 States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico or the U.S. territories. The TAACCCT program provides community colleges and other eligible institutions of higher education with funds 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 workers who are

eligible for training under the TAA for Workers program, and prepare program participants for employment in high-wage, high-skill occupations.

Disability Employment Initiative: \$16 million
Anticipated Solicitation Announcement: Summer 2014

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. The Department will use this funding to continue the Disability Employment Initiative (DEI), through which the Department intends to make grant awards to state workforce agencies 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 find a path into the middle class through exemplary and model service delivery by the public workforce system.

National Guard Youth ChalleNGe and Job ChalleNGe Demonstration: \$9 million Anticipated Solicitation Announcement: Summer 2014

The purpose of this program is to improve the long-term labor market prospects of youth who have had prior involvement in the juvenile justice system, and have successfully completed the 22-week Residential Phase of the National Guard Youth ChalleNGe Program. The Job ChalleNGe Demonstration will build on the Youth ChalleNGe Program's eight core components – academic excellence, life coping skills, job skills, health and hygiene, responsible citizenship, community service, leadership/followership, and physical fitness – by emphasizing programming focused on improving program participants' employment outcomes. The Job ChalleNGe Demonstration will supplement the Youth ChalleNGe model's Job Skills component that prepares participants for long-term, gainful employment. The Job ChalleNGe Demonstration is intended to enhance these activities by providing participants with a robust vocational experience over the ensuing 150 days that will place them on a pathway towards credential attainment and/or employment.