

**Department of Labor
Employment and Training Administration**



Upcoming ETA Funding Opportunities

Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training Grants (TAACCCT)

The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), Employment and Training Administration (ETA) anticipates that it will award up to \$500 million in grants through this funding opportunity. The Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training grants program (TAACCCT) 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 all 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. As a result of this Solicitation for Grant Applications (SGA), the Department helps ensure that our nation's institutions of higher education are able to help workers eligible for training under the TAA for workers program and other adults succeed in acquiring the skills, degrees, and credentials needed for high-wage, high-skill employment while also meeting the needs of employers for skilled workers. In accordance with requirements of the TAACCCT, the Department intends to award at least 0.5 percent of the total amount of available funds to eligible institutions in each State, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico, where the TAA for workers program operates. The complete solicitation can be found at http://www.doleta.gov/grants/find_grants.cfm.

Closing Date: 5/24/12

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.

Closing Date: 6/15/12

Women in Apprenticeship and Nontraditional Occupations (WANTO)

The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), Women's Bureau and Employment and Training Administration (ETA)'s Office of Apprenticeship, anticipates that it will award up to \$1,800,000 in grants through this funding opportunity. The program provides grant funds to eligible community-based organizations that provide preparatory education to help women obtain job readiness skills and industry specific training. Grantees also provide technical assistance to help employers and labor unions recruit, place and retain women in registered apprenticeship programs that lead to non-traditional occupations. Grant funds may also be used to offset the cost of equipment, tools, child care and transportation services for apprentices. Applicants must demonstrate the establishment of a consortium consisting of a minimum of a registered apprenticeship program (RAP) sponsor, a Workforce Investment Act (WIA) local area, and a Community Based Organization (CBO), which may be faith-based organization (FBO), with demonstrated experience in providing training, placement, and support services to women for non-traditional occupations. Employers/RAP sponsors will be responsible for placing women into their apprenticeship programs. WIA partners will co-enroll participants for the purposes of tracking performance against the common measures and may also provide additional supportive and job search assistance services. The complete solicitation can be found at http://www.doleta.gov/grants/find_grants.cfm.

Closing Date: 5/21/12

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. It is anticipated that the FFO will be available in late May 2012. For more information about this FFO including a list of Frequently Asked Questions, please visit www.manufacturing.gov.