On-the-Job Training National Emergency Grant
All Grantee Orientation

Agenda

August 10-11, 2010

Westin Washington, DC City Center Hotel
1400 M Street NW, Washington, DC 20005
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Day 1: August 10, 2010

8:30-9:00am  Registration

9:00-9:15am  Welcome and Opening Remarks
Jane Oates, Assistant Secretary ETA, USDOL

9:15-9:30am  OJT NEG Overview — A Valuable Tool in Providing Employment and
Retraining Opportunities for Dislocated Workers
Grace Kilbane, Administrator, Office of Workforce Investment, USDOL
  ▪ Benefits of OJT
  ▪ NEG OJT — how it is similar and how it differs from regular WIA OJT

9:30-9:40am  Overview of the Two-Day Training
Michael Qualter, OJT NEG Taskforce Coordinator, USDOL
  ▪ Goals/Objectives/Expectations of the Meeting
  ▪ Walk-Through Agenda

9:40-10:40am  Topic #1: “Engaging Employers”
Lenita Jacobs-Simmons, Regional Administrator, USDOL
Charles Furman, Director, Employee Training and Development, Severstal International
Daniel Porter, Executive Director, CSS Workforce New York
  ▪ Lessons Learned from the Past
  ▪ Implementation Plan Expectations
  ▪ Practitioner “How To” Perspective
  ▪ Tools and Resources

10:40-11:00am  Break

11:00-12:00pm  Topic #2: “Innovative Partnerships”
Robin Fernkas, Unit Chief, Office of Workforce Investment, USDOL
Jesse Aronson, Project Manager, Worksystems Inc., Portland, OR
Linda S. Sorrell, Director of Policy and Planning, Workforce Alliance of South Central KS
Pamela Langely, Director, VETS, USDOL
  ▪ Lessons Learned from the Past
  ▪ Implementation Plan Expectations
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12:00pm-1:30pm  Lunch *On your own – we will provide info on nearby restaurants*

1:30-2:30pm  Topic #3: “Measuring Skills Gaps and Determining Training Reimbursements”
*Jan Sten, Division Chief, Office of Workforce Investment, USDOL*
*Mary Rodarte, Workforce Analyst, Tulare County WIB*
*Lauren Fairley-Wright, Division of Workforce System Support, USDOL*
*Brian Deaton, OJT NEG Taskforce, USDOL*
- Lessons Learned from the Past
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2:30-2:45pm  Break

2:45-3:45pm  Topic #4: “Program Monitoring and Management”
*Jacqui Shoholm, Deputy Administrator, Office of Regional Management, USDOL*
*Barbara Hicks, Director of Customer Operations, Mississippi Dept. of Employment Security*
*Vicky Loggins, Director, Missouri Department of Labor*
- Lessons Learned from the Past
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- Tools and Resources

3:45-4:15pm  Facilitated Questions and Answers
*Greg Hitchcock, Director, Worker Dislocation and Special Response, USDOL*
*Michael Qualter, OJT NEG Taskforce Coordinator, USDOL*

4:15-4:30pm  Wrap-up and Preview of Day 2

**Day 2: August 11, 2010**

9:00am-9:05am  Welcome Back, Overview of Day 2/Explanation of Logistics

9:05-9:30am  Allowable Costs---Recap and Q & A
*Judi Fisher, Chief, Division of Policy, Review and Resolution, USDOL*

9:30-9:45am  OJT NEG Implementation Plan: ETA Expectations
*Michael Qualter, OJT NEG Taskforce Coordinator, USDOL*
- Why Are Implementation Plans so Important?
- Strengths and Weaknesses
- Areas to Focus on in Finalizing Implementation Plans
- Tools: Quick Start Action Planner

9:45-10:00am  Break/Relocate to Breakout Rooms
10:00-12:00pm  Roll-Up Your Shirt Sleeves and Work with ETA Experts and other OJT NEG Grantees on Your Plan
   ▪ Grantees will be divided up into six breakout rooms by region where they will meet with ETA staff to go over their Implementation Plan drafts.
   ▪ Each breakout room will have access to:
     o Regional Office FPOs
     o Members of the OJT NEG Taskforce
     o Subject Matter Experts from Day 1
     o Information on the OJT Quick Start Action Planner

12:00-1:30pm  Lunch—On Your Own

1:30-1:45pm  Moving Forward-Finalizing Plans to Implement Successful OJT NEGs
   Michael Qualter, OJT NEG Taskforce Coordinator, USDOL

1:45-2:15pm  Reaching the Prolonged Unemployed
   Gay Gilbert, Administrator, Unemployment Insurance, USDOL

2:15-2:45pm  Closing Remarks
   Gerri Fiala, Deputy Assistant Secretary of ETA, USDOL