



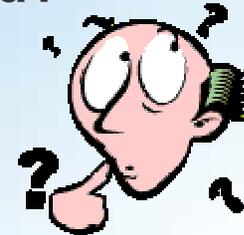
## **Earmark Grants:**

# **Background Information and the Award Process**



## Frequently Asked Questions

- What is this conference about? Why am I here?
- Who is the Earmark Center?
- Who is my Federal Project Officer?
- Where do the funds come from?
- When are the funds available?
- What are the funding requirements?
- What is process for getting the grant award?





## **Earmark Conference**

- **Provide you guidance and technical assistance**
- **Begin drafting your grant proposal**
- **Meet regional representatives**
- **Network with other earmark grantees**





## Philadelphia Earmark Center



- National Program Office
- Responds to inquiries
- Reviews grant proposals
- Resolve issues regarding “legality” or allowable activities
- Provides policy guidance and technical assistance





# Philadelphia Earmark Center

- **Conference materials will be available at:**

<http://www.doleta.gov/regions/reg02/pecoe.cfm>





# Who is my Federal Project Officer or Regional Representative?





## **Where Do the Funds Come From?**

- **Directed by Congress**
- **Mandated in the Conference Report**
- **150 organizations identified in the Conference Report**
- **Authorized under Section 171, Pilot, Demonstration & Research Projects, of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998**





## When are the Funds Available?

- **Funding availability**
  - Funds become available the beginning of the program year on July 1, 2008
  - Funding authority expires at the end of the program year on June 30, 2009





# What are the Funding Requirements?

- **Grant proposal should include:**
  - Provision for direct services to individuals
  - Performance outcomes
  - An evaluation component
  - Evidence of coordination with the local workforce delivery system





# What are the Funding Requirements?

- **Research**

- Contribute to the solution of employment and training concerns in the United States
- ETA Five-Year Research Plan  
(<http://wdr.doleta.gov/opr/fulltext/01-strategicPlan.pdf>)





## What are the Funding Requirements?

- **Submit a grant proposal that complies with the:**
  - Conference Report
  - WIA Section 171 – P, D, & R Projects
  - WIA Section 181 - Requirements & Restrictions
  - WIA Section 195 – General Administration
  - OMB Rules and Regulations
  - Reference Book One: The Essential Guide for Writing an Earmark Grant Proposal
  - Reference Book Two: A Guide to Financial & Grant Management Requirements for Earmark Grants
  - ETA Five-Year Research Plan
- **Awarded within the time frames**





# What is the Process for Receiving the Grant Award?

**Grant Proposal Submission**



**Grant Proposal Review**

*Federal Project Officer ↗*

*Philadelphia Earmark Center ↗*

*Grant Officer*



**Grant Officer Approval**



**Congressional Notification**



**Award Disseminated to Grantee**





## **Factors that Delay Award Process**

- **Unallowable activities**
- **Insufficient evidence of linkage to the workforce system**
- **Budget calculation errors**
- **Incorrect period of performance dates**
- **Vague outcomes**
- **Missing evaluation component**
- **Incorrect amount of total award amount**







# Getting to Know You



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