

INTRODUCTION to GUIDEBOOKS

National Emergency Grants (NEGs), authorized under the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) of 1998, are discretionary awards approved by the Secretary of Labor intended to temporarily expand service capacity at the state and local levels by providing funding assistance in response to significant economic events which cause job losses and increased demand for dislocated worker services. Significant dislocation events include business closures, mass layoffs, realignment and closure of military installations as a result of the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) initiative of 2005, as well as natural disasters declared by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as eligible for public assistance. Additional information on NEGs is available at:

www.doleta.gov/neg.

These *NEG Application Review Process Guidebooks* are a supplement to the *NEG Application Checklists*. These technical assistance tools are the result of a collaborative effort by the Employment and Training Administration's (ETA's) Office of National Response, Office of Regional Management, Office of Grants and Contracts Management, and the Regional Offices. The Guidebooks developed by the NEG Technical Assistance collaborative provide explanations and examples for relevant items on the Checklists. Used together, they will help provide reviewers with a uniform understanding of the information required in a complete NEG application.