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US Labor Department announces solicitation for workforce innovation fund grants

Grants will support, evaluate and enhance innovative employment and training service programs

WASHINGTON – Today the U.S. Department of Labor announced a Solicitation for Grant Applications (SGA) for approximately \$98.5 million available through the Workforce Innovation Fund to support innovative employment and training service approaches. The fund invests in programs that support, evaluate and enhance workforce investment strategies, particularly for vulnerable populations.

“The public workforce system works every day to find good jobs for everyone,” said U.S. Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis. “These grants will significantly enhance the capacity of our public workforce system by identifying programs that work, expanding them and sharing best practices with others.”

The grants will be administered by the Department of Labor, working closely with the Departments of Education and Health and Human Services. In addition to providing technical assistance to grantees throughout the life of the grants, the department will share program evaluation results to grantees along with stakeholders in the workforce, education, and human services systems.

Entities eligible for grants from the fund include state workforce agencies, local workforce investment boards and institutions eligible to apply for WIA Section 166 grants.

Prospective applicants are encouraged to visit http://www.doleta.gov/workforce_innovation to access more information about the Workforce Innovation Fund, as well tools and resources to support application development. An online tutorial for prospective applicants is available at, “Grant Applications 101: A Plain English Guide to ETA Competitive Grants,” available through Workforce3One at: http://www.workforce3one.org/page/grants_toolkit.

Prospective applicants can register on www.Grants.gov to access the SGA. Additional grant information is also available at www.doleta.gov/grants.

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