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**TO: Workforce Development Councils
 WorkSource Area Directors
 Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board**

FROM: Amy Smith-Rubeck, Deputy Assistant Commissioner

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SUBJECT: Solicitations for Grant Applications from the U.S. Department of Labor

1. Purpose:

This advisory provides information on Solicitations for Grant Applications (SGAs) that are currently open for competition and that are expected to be released by the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) in March and April of this year.

2. Background:

DOL held a conference call on February 16, 2011 to discuss three SGAs that are currently open for competition as well as others that would be released in March and early April 2011. All of the grants focus on employment and training and are designed to highlight the value of intermediaries such as faith-based and community-based organizations serving targeted populations.

In recent speeches and question and answer sessions, Secretary Solis focused on lessons learned from previous grant programs. Toward that end, grantees will be asked to demonstrate how they will ensure comprehensive services to grant target populations, movement into the labor market as well as movement from lower-wage to higher-wage jobs to sustain program participants and their families.

Assistant Secretary Jane Oates encouraged eligible applicants and interested parties to take this opportunity to do advanced planning and organizing as the grant application periods will be 30 or 45 days, which will not offer much time to plan, organize, and prepare a solid application.

Note: Many of these opportunities are subject either to Continuing Resolution or new funding authorization for projects that are in the President's budget.

CURRENTLY OPEN DOL GRANTS:

- **Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training Act (TAAACCT)**

- Issued on January 20, 2011; closing date is April 21, 2011.
- Community colleges are eligible lead applicants.
- Incorporate the Pathways model into current and future curricula.
- \$500 million in total available funds.
- <http://www.dol.gov/cfbnp/pdf/SGA-DFA-PY-10-03.pdf>

Suggested audience in Washington: *The State Board for Community and Technical Colleges has notified colleges and applications are in process.*

- **Civic Justice Corps (CJC)**

- Issued on February 7, 2011; closing date is March 15, 2011.
- Nonprofit organizations, state/local government, and Native American tribes are eligible lead applicants.
- Serve juvenile offenders ages 18-24 who have been involved with the juvenile justice system within 12 months before entry into the program.
- Minimum of 13 grants at various amounts.
- Applicants can submit only one proposal for up to \$1.5 million to cover a 30-month performance period that includes up to four months of planning and a minimum of 26 months of operation.
- \$20 million in total available funds.
- <http://www.doleta.gov/grants/pdf/SGA-DFA-PY-10-04.pdf>

Suggested audience in Washington: *Adult Basic Education, Washington Service Corps, Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction for K-12 programs.*

- **Reintegration of Ex-Offenders (RExO)**

- Issued on February 10, 2011; closing date is March 17, 2011.
- Nonprofit organizations (faith-based and community) are eligible lead applicants.
- Provide pre-release and post-release services to ex-offenders returning to high poverty, high-crime communities.
- Services include job training and employment preparation, mentoring and assistance connecting to supportive services such as housing, substance abuse programs and mental health treatment.
- Expect awards of approximately 10 grants of \$1,170,000 each for a 27-month project.
- \$11.7 million in total available funds.
- <http://www.doleta.gov/grants/pdf/SGA-DFA-PY-10-10-2011.pdf>

Suggested audience in Washington: *Department of Corrections, local WDCs, WTECB for Carl Perkins connections.*

- **Green Jobs Innovation Fund**

- Issued on February 23, 2011; closing date is March 29, 2011
- National or statewide nonprofits are eligible lead applicants.
- Innovative greening of current or new industries in existing or developing sectors.
- Pre-apprenticeships or apprenticeships in coordination with local workforce systems by leveraging current resources and programs.
- \$40 million in total available funds.
- http://www.doleta.gov/grants/find_grants.cfm

Suggested audience in Washington: Department of Labor and Industries, Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board, Labor Market and Economic Analysis Branch, and local Workforce Development Councils.

DOL GRANTS EXPECTED TO BE ANNOUNCED IN MARCH AND APRIL (Note: DOL has not finalized all details on these grants so the below information is subject to change):

- **Career Pathways Innovation Fund**

- Scheduled for release in March.
- Community colleges or workforce investment boards are eligible lead applicants
- Past grants developed career pathways in healthcare; consider new pathways in transportation, information technology, and other industry sectors with a focus on credential acquisition.
- \$125 million in total available funds.

Suggested audience in Washington: Local workforce development councils partnered with community or technical colleges and others that may be named in the SGA.

- **Youth Offender Intermediary**

- Scheduled for release in March.
- National or regional intermediaries are eligible lead applicants.
- Eligible clients ages 16-21.
- Showcase best practices to help youth get on the right path.
- Established network with awardee issuing competitive bids for funds to providers.
- \$17 million in total available funds (two awards of \$8.5 million each).

Suggested audience in Washington: Larger faith-based or community-based non-profits that have at least a regional presence and perhaps national involvement in youth offender programs. Looking to showcase a new or expanding network of assistance to this client group. Coordinate with workforce development system and Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board and others that may be named in the SGA.

- **Enhanced Transitional Jobs Demonstration**

- Scheduled for release in March or April.
- Nonprofits (faith and community) and state/local governments are eligible lead applicants.
- Focused populations are non-custodial parents and ex-offenders.
- Program will have intense evaluative research and technical assistance components up front.
- \$45 million in total available funds.
- Projects range from \$3.6-\$6 million to move to another type of jobs program that showcases better coordination between federal departments of Health and Human Services, Education, and Labor.

Suggested audience in Washington: State and local governments; possibly Workfirst vis-à-vis Employment Security, Department of Social and Health Services, and Commerce to develop a multi-level, coordinated model; and others that may be named in the SGA.

- **Young Parents Demonstration**

- Scheduled for release in March.
- Nonprofits, community colleges, One Stops, Workforce Investment Boards are eligible lead applicants.
- \$5.5 million in total available funds.
- Youth ages 16-24 with a focus on expectant single mothers and young parents who are high-risk, court-involved who are homeless, in foster care, or leaving foster care; or migrant or ex-offender youth.
- Focus on a comprehensive package showcasing a model or best practice for mentoring or helping young families with economic issues care for their children.

Suggested audience in Washington: Local workforce development councils and community action agencies and community and technical colleges and others that may be named in the SGA.

- **H-1B Technical Skills Training**

- Scheduled for release in March or April.
- One Stops, workforce investment boards, employer groups, and training providers are eligible lead applicants
- \$240 million in total available funds.
- H-1B participants must be 16 or older and, for the purpose of this grant, individuals in non-traditional, entry-level, narrowly-focused employment targeted for transition to higher-level positions (e.g., transition from \$8 per hour to \$24 per hour jobs).
- Include community organizations to access client populations and partner with businesses.
- H-1B fees funded Job Training for Employment in High Growth Industries grants provide training for workers according to the need in different sectors of the economy.
- DOL intends to support training and education models that lead to higher-skilled technical jobs in demand sectors such as information technology, communications, broad-band, advanced manufacturing and health care.

Suggested audience in Washington: *Local workforce development councils, organized labor, and local employer organizations and other that may be named in the SGA.*

• **National Farmworkers Jobs Program**

- Scheduled for release in March.
- Nonprofits, workforce investment boards, community colleges, and state/local governments are eligible lead applicants.
- Program design could involve transition from field labor to other careers within agri-business.
- \$87 million in total available funds.

Suggested audience in Washington: *Northwest Food Processing Association, local workforce development councils (rural areas with food processing and agri-business) and others that may be named in the SGA.*

3. **Action:**

None.

4. **References:**

- Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration web site: <http://www.doleta.gov/>
- Grants 101 Toolkit for ETA Grants: <https://www.workforce3one.org/view/3001006138660938388> or https://www.workforce3one.org/ws/www/pages/grants_toolkit.aspx?pparams
- Currently Open DOL Grant Competitions (this web site is updated as each new competition is announced): <http://www.dol.gov/dol/grants/>
- Center for Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships: <http://www.dol.gov/cfbnp/>

5. **Definitions:**

None.

6. **Website:**

See "References"

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