
Washington envisions a nationally recognized fully integrated One-Stop system with enhanced customer access to program services, improved long-term employment outcomes for job seekers and consistent, high quality services to business customers. In order to achieve this vision, the WorkSource Standards & Integration Division sets a common direction and standards for Washington's WorkSource system through the development of WorkSource system policies, information memoranda, and technical assistance.

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

FROM: Amy Smith-Rubeck, Deputy Assistant Commissioner

DATE: June 16, 2011

SUBJECT: Disability Employment Initiative - Solicitation for Grant Applications

1. Purpose:

To provide information about the Disability Employment Initiative grant opportunity. The U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration is offering six to ten grants of \$1.5 million to \$6 million each for a three-year period of performance. The purpose of these grants is to improve the accessibility and accountability of the workforce development system for individuals with disabilities and to evaluate the effectiveness of promising practices such as the Disability Program Navigators, and Ticket to Work in improving employment outcomes for job seekers with disabilities.

2. Action:

In order for Washington State to be eligible for one of these grants at least two Workforce Development Councils must agree to participate in the proposal. Fortunately, several have already indicated a desire to be included in a Washington State proposal. Any Workforce Development Council interested in participating in this proposal or in finding out more about this opportunity is asked to contact Toby Olson, tolson2@esd.wa.gov, 360-486-5891, by Tuesday, June 21.

3. Background:

This grant includes a Mandatory Evaluation Process that requires the assignment by lottery of half of the willing Workforce Development Areas as control sites. Each WDA selected to be a participating site will receive funding for at least one FTE for Disability Resource Coordinators. Those selected to be control sites will receive funding to cover the costs related to providing data for the evaluation process.

4. References:

Employment And Training Administration Notices; Funding Availability: Cooperative Agreements

under the Disability Employment Initiative; Federal Register; Volume 76, No. 104; Tuesday, May 31, 2011; 31366–31367

5. Website:

http://www.doleta.gov/grants/pdf/DEI_SGA-DFA-PY-10-14.pdf

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