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**TO:** Workforce Development System Partners

**FROM:** Amy L. Smith, Director

**SUBJECT:** Disability Employment Initiative (DEI) Round V – Solicitation for Grant Application

### Purpose:

To provide information about the DEI Round V grant opportunity. Jointly funded by the U.S. Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration (DOL/ETA) and the Office of Disability and Employment Policy (ODEP), this fifth round of the DEI will provide approximately \$15 million in grant funds. DOL plans to award approximately eight grants in amounts ranging from \$1.5 to \$2.5 million.

### Action Required:

At least one Workforce Development Council (WDC) must agree to participate in the proposal in order for Washington State to be eligible to apply. Several WDCs have already indicated a desire to be included in the proposal. Any WDC interested in participating in the proposal or in finding out more about this opportunity is asked to contact Terri Barbee, [tbarbee@esd.wa.gov](mailto:tbarbee@esd.wa.gov), 360-725-9514, by Monday, June 16.

### Content:

#### **a. Background**

The lead applicant must be the state workforce agency that is eligible for funding under Title I of the WIA Section 171 and for funding under the Wagner-Peyser Act.

In addition to WDCs, the following are also required partners: community college(s) and/or technical institute(s); business or industry partners; public state-level agency(ies) that serves individuals with disabilities; and for youth-targeted projects, one or more local education agency(ies) (LEA) to facilitate the development of secondary, post-secondary, and career training.

Washington State was awarded a DEI grant in 2011 (Round 2) and it will conclude at the end of September 2014. The two participating WDCs in Round 2 are Seattle-King and Snohomish.

**b. Intent**

The purpose of Round V of the DEI is to increase participation of individuals with disabilities in existing career pathways programs in the public workforce system, improving employment outcomes.

**c. Period of Performance**

Anticipated start date is October 1, 2014. The duration is 42 months, with the first six months intended for start-up activities.

**References:**

Employment and Training Administration: Notice of Availability of Funds and Solicitation for Grant Applications for Disability Employment Initiative Grants; Funding Opportunity Number: SGA/DFA PY 13-11; Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 17.283

Refer to: <http://www.doleta.gov/grants/pdf/SGA-DFA-PY-13-11.pdf>

**Website:**

[http://www.wa.gov/esd/1stop/policies/state\\_guidance.htm](http://www.wa.gov/esd/1stop/policies/state_guidance.htm)

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