

Mass Workforce Issuance

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Policy Information

To: Chief Elected Officials
Workforce Investment Board Chairs
Workforce Investment Board Directors
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Career Center Directors
Title I Fiscal Officers
DCS Associate Directors
DCS Field Managers

cc: WIA State Partners

From: David W. Mackley, Director
Department of Workforce Development

Date: October 4, 2007 (updated from August)

Subject: **Job Training Grant Opportunity**

Purpose: To transmit to Local Workforce Investment Boards, One-Stop Career Center Operators and other local workforce investment partners information regarding the availability of \$125 million in Community-Based Job Training Grants.

Background: The U.S. Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration (ETA) has announced that approximately \$125 million in grant funds will be made available through a competitive award process to support workforce training for high-growth/high-demand industries through the national system of community and technical colleges. Eligible applicants include: an individual Community or Technical College; a Community College District; a state Community College System; or a One-Stop Career Center in partnership with its Local Workforce Investment Board. It is anticipated that approximately 75 individual awards will be made with the amount ranging between \$500,000 and \$2 million for a period of up to 36 months.

Critical elements that will be considered in reviewing proposed plans include:

1. a focus on skill and competency needs of high-growth/high-demand industries that are locally defined in the context of the regional economy;
2. strategic partnerships;

3. industry-driven capacity building and training efforts;
4. leveraged resources;
5. replication of successful models for broad distribution;
6. clear and specific outcomes (the Common Measures); and
7. integration with regional economic and talent development strategies.

The closing date for applications is 4 p.m., October 10, 2007 (see update, below)

Detailed application and submission requirements have been published in the Federal Register, Vol. 72, No.152 on August 8, 2007 (p. 44574).

IMPORTANT UPDATE: On September 25, 2007 USDOL published several significant changes to the grant application requirements and submission process in the Federal Register (Vol. 72, No. 185). The changes can be summarized thusly:

- The requirement that 50% of the grant be spent on tuition has been removed;
- The outcomes associated with the former 50% tuition expenditure requirement has been replaced with new outcomes;
- Clarifications and corrections have been provided regarding the total number of scoring points the section is worth in the “Description of Outcomes” section of the application;
- The data required to be provided in the one-to-three page summary of the projected outcomes has been updated; and
- The closing date for application submission has been extended to ***October 31, 2007***.

The full posting in the Federal Register can be accessed through the following link:

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20071800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2007/pdf/E7-18826.pdf>

Action

Required: Please review the content of this issuance and ensure that potentially interested organizations are made aware of this grant opportunity.