

# Mass Workforce Issuance

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**Workforce Issuance No. 08-02**

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**To:** Chief Elected Officials  
Workforce Investment Board Chairs  
Workforce Investment Board Directors  
Title I Administrators  
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

Nancy Snyder, President  
Commonwealth Corporation

**Date:** January 15, 2008

**Subject:** **Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Grant Application Solicitation**

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**Purpose:** To notify local Workforce Investment Boards of the Notice of Availability and Solicitation for Grant Applications (SGA) for the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) initiative.

**Background:** The Federal Register for Tuesday, January 15, 2008 (Vol. 73, No. 10) included notification of the Employment and Training Administration's (ETA) announcement of the availability of approximately \$10 million in grant funds for the STEM initiative. Grants are to be awarded through a two phased competitive process to "primarily expand and align current and new STEM workforce education and training strategies, activities, and resources in One-Stop Career Centers to promote, attract and prepare disadvantaged youth and dislocated workers for STEM careers while simultaneously enhancing the competitive position of local and regional employers."

Phase I of the competition is for the submission of preliminary proposals that include a one-page Project Summary, a five-page Project Description and project budget information. An individual Workforce Investment Board (WIB) representing a regional consortium of WIBs is the eligible applicant for Phase I consideration. The Phase I Preliminary Proposal must include letters of commitment from each of the WIBs participating in the consortium. Applications for regions that cross state lines will be accepted.

A Virtual Prospective Applicant Conference will be held for this competition on January 25, 2008 at 2 p.m. (ET).

Applications for Phase I must be submitted no later than March 11, 2008. After a review of Phase I applications, selected applicants will receive a formal notice of recommendation to participate in Phase II of the competition.

Additional information and links to registration for the Virtual Prospective Applicant Conference can be found at:

<http://www.workforce3one.org/public/webinars/details.cfm?id=266>

**Action**

**Required:** Please assure that all appropriate parties are informed of the contents of this Issuance.

**Inquiries:** For additional information contact Marsha Daniels, Grants Management Specialist, Division of Federal Assistance, (202-693-3504). Inquiries should include Reference No. SGA/DFA PY07-03.