

Mass Workforce Issuance

Workforce Issuance No. 08-04

Policy Information

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

Date: January 28, 2008

Subject: **Applications for High Growth Job Training Initiative Grant Funds for the Energy and Construction and Skilled Trades in the Energy Industry**

Purpose: To transmit notice to Local Workforce Investment Boards, One-Stop Career Center Operators and other local workforce investment partners of the availability of approximately \$10 million in grant funds related to the energy industry or construction and skilled occupations that support the energy industry.

Background: On January 23, 2008, the U.S. Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration (ETA) published notification of funding availability and solicitation of grant applications for the High Growth Job Training Initiative for the Energy and Construction and Skilled Trades in the Energy Industry in the Federal Register (Vol.73, No.15).

Grant funds will be awarded for high-impact regional approaches to meet the workforce challenges of the energy industry and/or address the shortage of construction and skilled trade workers needed to maintain and expand the energy industry infrastructure. This initiative represents a strategic effort to prepare workers for new and increasing job opportunities in high-growth, high-demand, and economically vital industries and sectors of the economy.

Grant funds awarded should be used to implement and replicate high-impact, industry-driven training solutions that address identified workforce challenges in the energy industry or in construction and skilled trades that support the energy industry. Each solution must take place in the context of a regional talent development strategy designed to contribute to a strong regional economy. The solutions must be developed and implemented by a strategic regional partnership that includes leaders from the workforce development system, business and industry, and the education and training community, as well as other public and private sector partners that bring critical assets to the joint venture. Solutions must implement an existing, promising solution, model, or approach and take it to scale in the region, or adapt a solution that has been demonstrated to have positive impact on the identified workforce development challenges in another region.

Applicants may be public, private for-profit, or private non-profit organizations. It is anticipated that average individual awards will be in the \$500,000 - \$1,000,000 range.

Applications must be received no later than Tuesday, March 25, 2008 at 4 p.m. (Eastern Time). Applications may be mailed to:

U.S. Department of labor
Employment and Training Administration
Division of Federal Assistance
Attention Ariam Ferro,
Reference SGA/DFA, PY-07-07
200 Constitution Ave, NW
Room N4716
Washington, DC 20210

Applications may also be submitted on-line at:

<http://www.grants.gov>

For more detailed information consult Federal Register, Vol.73, No.15, January 23, 2008. (p. 3998)

NOTE: A Webinar for prospective applicants will be conducted on February 1, 2008. Webinar information will be posted on ETA's web site at:

<http://www.workforce3one.org>

Action

Required: Please assure that all appropriate organizations and staff are informed of the content of this issuance.