

# Mass Workforce Issuance

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**Workforce Issuance No. 10-19**

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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 Regional Managers

**cc:** WIA State Partners

**From:** Michael Taylor, Director  
Department of Workforce Development

**Date:** March 18, 2010

**Subject:** **Solicitation for TAA Technical Assistance and Outreach ARRA Grants**

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**Purpose:** To notify Local Workforce Investment Boards, One-Stop Career Center Operators and other local workforce investment partners of the availability of approximately \$1.2 million for Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) Technical Assistance and Outreach Grants.

**Background:** On Monday, March 15, 2010, the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) published in the Federal Register a notice of Solicitations for TAA Technical Assistance and Outreach grants authorized under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA).

The grants will be awarded to provide additional technical assistance to the dislocated worker populations hardest hit by foreign trade to ensure that workers receive the benefits of the TAA program to assist them in reaching their reemployment goals. DOL is interested in projects that target especially hard-hit industries such as the automotive sector, service industries with large numbers of TAA-covered workers who work in remote or fixed locations, and workers who have issues with how TAA eligibility and program requirements interact with benefits available to them through their employer, such as severance packages. Applicants should demonstrate that planned projects will:

- provide direct training or technical assistance to ensure complete and accurate TAA petition information from petitioners;
- improve service delivery of Rapid Response activities to trade-affected workers, assist states to better identify early threats of worker layoffs, and assist the state TAA program and/or the WIA One-Stop system to quickly identify workers covered by TAA certifications;
- assist in identifying and addressing challenges to posed to TAA covered workers related to eligibility and program benefits vis a vis certain employer severance packages or challenges faced by states in providing outreach to service employees who work remotely;
- establish strategic partnerships with States to develop services and/or service delivery strategies, including use of National Emergency Grants (NEGs) for more effective employment and case management in States with large numbers of TAA certifications; and
- develop and propose outcomes and measures for determining success of the grantee's efforts and report "best practices" resulting from the grant activities.

Eligible applicants include:

- National Employer Associations;
- National Labor Union Associations;
- Other Labor Union Affiliates; or
- Non-profit Organizations and National Associations with connections to the TAA program or trade-affected workers.

It is anticipated that 1-4 awards will be made.

Applications are due no later than April 14, 2010 and must be submitted to:

U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration  
 Division of Federal Assistance  
 Attention: James Stockton, Grant Officer  
 Reference SGA/DFA PY 09-06  
 200 Constitution Avenue, NW  
 Room N4716  
 Washington, DC 20210

For full application details, click on the following link:

<http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/pdf/2010-5552.pdf>

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

**Inquiries:** Please direct all inquiries to Rahel Bizuayene, Grants Management Specialist, Division of Federal Assistance at 202-693-3256 (not a toll-free number).