

Mass Workforce Issuance

Workforce Issuance No. 10-23

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 Regional Managers

cc: WIA State Partners

From: Michael Taylor, Director
Department of Workforce Development

Date: March 18, 2010

Subject: **Solicitation for Community-Based Job Training Grants**

Purpose: To notify Local Workforce Investment Boards, One-Stop Career Center Operators and other local workforce investment partners of the availability of approximately \$125 million for Community-Based Job Training (CBJT) Grants.

Background: On Monday, March 15, 2010, the U.S. Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration (ETA) published in the Federal Register a notice of Solicitations for Grant Applications for CBJT grants.

CBJT grants will be awarded to support workforce training for high growth/high demand industries through the community college system. Successful applicants should demonstrate that planned education and training services will prepare workers to enter and advance in occupations found in high growth/high demand industries. CBJT grants will fund projects that specifically target skills for jobs that:

- are projected to grow;
- are being transformed by technology and innovation;
- have a significant economic impact; and/or
- are found in new and emerging industries.

Projects must target incumbent workers, dislocated workers and/or unemployed workers. Additionally, projects must provide education/training for jobs that are currently available or anticipated during the grant period; promote career advancement and wage growth; and result in recognized credentialing. Applicants are also urged to use existing curricula and strategies to deliver education and training.

Eligible applicants include:

- A One-Stop Career Center in partnership with its Workforce Investment Board that specifies one or more community colleges where training will occur;
- An individual community, technical or Tribal college;
- A community college district; or
- A State community college system.

It is anticipated that awards will range from \$1-3 million. Applications that include three or more community, technical or Tribal colleges will be considered “consortium applications” and may request from \$1-5 million. ETA expects to allot up to \$50 million of the total to applicants that have not previously received a CBJT grant.

Applications are due no later than April 29, 2010 and must be submitted to:

U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration
Division of Federal Assistance
Attention: Donna Kelly, Grant Officer
Reference SGA/DFA PY 09-07
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/2010-5609.pdf>

An optional pre-recorded Webinar will be available for on-line viewing on Tuesday, April 6, 2010 at:

<http://workforce3one.org/>

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

Inquiries: Please direct all inquiries to Janice Sheelor, Grants Management Specialist, Division of Federal Assistance at 202-693-3536 (not a toll-free number).