

# Mass Workforce Issuance

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**Workforce Issuance No. 11-11**

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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:** February 10, 2011

**Subject:** **Civic Justice Corps Solicitation for Grant Applications**

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**Purpose:** To notify Local Workforce Investment Boards, One-Stop Career Center operators and other local workforce investment partners of a Civil Justice Corps grant opportunity (SGA-DFA-PY-10-04).

**Background:** The U.S. Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration (ETA) announced in the Federal Register (2/7/11) the availability of approximately \$20 million in grant funds authorized by the Workforce Investment Act for Civic Justice Corps (CJC) Grants to serve juvenile offenders ages 18 to 24 who have been involved with the juvenile justice system for the 12 months prior to their involvement in CJC. CJC projects funded through this grant are intended to provide youthful offenders the opportunity to give something back to their communities through community service as a means of making up for past transgressions. Such projects hold promise for reducing the recidivism rate of juvenile offenders by improving their vocational and educational skills and long-term prospects in the labor market and by increasing their attachment to their community and their sense of community responsibility.

Grants will be awarded through a competitive process. ETA intends to fund a minimum of 13 grants at various amounts. Applicants may submit only one proposal of up to \$1.5 million to cover a 30-month period of performance that

includes up to four months of planning and a minimum of 26 months of project operation. Eligible applicants include any nonprofit organization, unit of state or local government, and Indian or Native American entity eligible for grants under the Workforce Investment Act's Section 166.

Projects funded under this grant opportunity must include as components:

- meaningful community service projects and service-learning opportunities;
- educational interventions leading to a credential that increase post-secondary and/or vocational training and long-term employability;
- community connections that result in rebuilding of community trust;
- high staff to participant ratios including close adult supervision;
- career development that places participating youth in a job that will be learned through post-secondary education, a registered apprenticeship and/or career technical training that leads to an industry-recognized credential; and
- post-program support and follow-up.

Successful applicants are also expected as part of the grant requirements to have or develop relationships with the local One-Stop Career Center System.

Applications are due no later than March 15, 2011

The full text of the grant solicitation notice can be accessed through the following link:

[http://www.doleta.gov/grants/find\\_grants.cfm](http://www.doleta.gov/grants/find_grants.cfm).

**Inquiries:** Please direct all inquiries to Denise Roach, ETA Grant Office at 202-693-3820.