

Mass Workforce Issuance

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Policy Information

To: Chief Elected Officials
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DCS Regional Managers

cc: WIA State Partners

From: Michael Taylor, Director
Department of Workforce Development

Date: March 3, 2011

Subject: **Enhanced Transitional Jobs Demonstration Grant Opportunity**

Purpose: To notify Local Workforce Investment Boards of the Enhanced Transitional Jobs Demonstration grant opportunity.

Background: On March, 3, 2011 the U.S. Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration (ETA) published a Notice of Funding Opportunity and Grant Solicitation in the Federal Register for the Enhanced Transitional Jobs Demonstration.

ETA intends to make available up to \$40 million authorized under the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2010 to provide enhanced transitional jobs (ETJ) programs (as well as other activities and services) to increase workforce participation for low-income, hard to employ populations, particularly non-custodial parents and/or ex-offenders reentering their communities. \$15 million in grant funds is specifically reserved for serving ex-offenders.

ETA's Enhanced Transitional Jobs Demonstration (ETJD) intends to fund grantees proposing to implement ETJ program models that go beyond Transitional Jobs (TJ) programs currently operating or tested previously. Eligible applicants include Local Workforce Investment Boards or non-profit community or faith-based organizations with 503(c) 3 IRS status. To ensure participants achieve successful employment outcomes, applicants must partner

with child support enforcement agencies, criminal justice agencies, One-Stop Career Centers and employers.

Applicants must demonstrate experience with providing TJ programs and that a relationship exists with the required partners or that such a relationship can be established quickly because of existing connections and agreements to work together. Applicants may also include other partners that can provide needed services for program participants and/or refer participants to the applicant.

Upon selection, all grantees will be required to participate in a random assignment evaluation of the ETJD in which they must recruit at least 1,000 participants over two years so that 50 percent of participants receive the ETJ services provided by the applicant or the applicant's partnership under this grant and so that the remaining 50 percent do not receive ETJ or like services under this grant.

Applications are due no later than April 15, 2011.

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

<http://www.doleta.gov/grants/pdf/SGA-DFA-PY-10-11.pdf>

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