

Mass Workforce Issuance

Workforce Issuance No. 13-22

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 Operations Managers

cc: WIA State Partners

From: Alice Sweeney, Director
Department of Career Services

Date: April 23, 2013

Subject: **Make it in America Challenge Grant**

Purpose: To notify Local Workforce Investment Boards, One-Stop Career Center Operators and other local workforce investment partners of the availability of funding for the Make it in America Challenge grant opportunity.

Background: The Make it in America Challenge will provide up to \$40 million in competitive grant funding through the Department of Commerce (DOC) Economic Development Administration (EDA) and National Institute of Standards and Technology Manufacturing Extension Partnership (NIST MEP), Department of Labor (DOL), Employment and Training Administration (ETA), and the Delta Regional Authority (DRA). This collaboration allows applicants to submit one application to leverage complementary Federal funding sources to support the development and implementation of a regionally driven economic development strategy that accelerates job creation by encouraging re-shoring of productive activity by U.S. firms, fostering increased Foreign Direct Investment, encouraging U.S. companies to keep or expand their businesses and jobs in the United States, and training local workers to meet the needs of those businesses.

Funding Opportunity Number: MIIA2013
Posted Date: March 18, 2013
Closing Date: May 31, 2013
Expected Number of Awards: 15
Total Program Funding: \$40,000,000
Award Ceiling: \$4,000,000
Project Period: Up to 3 years. If a project includes EDA-funded construction, that component of the project may have a project period of up to 5 years. Funding level of each participating Federal Agency will vary, subject to availability of respective appropriations.

CFDA Number(s): 10.773 – Rural Business Opportunity Grants
11.307 – Economic Adjustment Assistance
11.611 – Manufacturing Extension Partnership
17.268 – H-1B Job Training Grants

Additional information is available through the Make it in America website:
http://manufacturing.gov/make_it_in_america.html, and Grants.gov:

Synopsis: <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppId=227375>

Full Announcement:
<http://www07.grants.gov/search/announce.do;jsessionid=WFMqRv2fYHZGyc2tMGp0pg7rpJqTyLkQT1yCT9ZcgwpMvkrFMbr!-298178550>