

# Mass Workforce Issuance

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**Workforce Issuance No. 13-37**

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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 Operations Managers

**cc:** WIA State Partners

**From:** Alice Sweeney, Director  
Department of Career Services

**Date:** May 22, 2013

**Subject:** **New NEG Funding Opportunity**

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**Purpose:**

To notify Local Workforce Investment Boards, One-Stop Career Center Operators and other local workforce investment partners of a new National Emergency Grant (NEG) opportunity being offered for Dislocated Worker Training (DWT) to increase training participation and credential attainment, especially among the long-term unemployed.

**Background:**

National Emergency Grants (NEGs) are discretionary grants awarded by the Secretary of Labor under section 173 of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) that are intended to temporarily expand service capacity at the state and local levels by providing time-limited funding assistance in response to dislocation events.

The U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration is making available **up to \$75m** for new Dislocated Worker Training NEGs (DWT NEG). Official notification of the availability of these funds will be contained in a DOL “Training and Employment Notice” (TEN), imminently anticipated. States must be the applicants, and local areas would serve as project operators under the DWT NEG model. **Awards will be made by June 30, 2013.**

The NEG funds will be awarded to provide training activities (ITAs and/or “class-size training”) that lead to credentials in high-demand occupations and/or On-the-Job Training (OJT), especially OJT that also includes a formal training component that leads to a credential.

**Action Required:**

Please review the attached **Dislocated Worker Training National Emergency Grant concept paper**.

The administrative structure of these new NEG's will be based loosely on the OJT NEG model; in Massachusetts, we are anticipating one or two primary operators and a vouchering component to permit participation from all sixteen workforce investment areas.

Local areas are asked to submit ideas and recommendations to best position Massachusetts as an awardee. **Please submit a brief summary of local area interest** in participating in this NEG project, including consideration of the following:

- Identification of how eligible dislocated workers, especially those that are long-term unemployed, will be identified and referred to the program.
- How the proposed DWT NEG will be coordinated with complementary activities, including but not limited to, Reemployment Eligibility Assessments/Reemployment Services (REA/RES) and the Veterans' Gold Card initiative.
- How the proposed training will lead to eligible credentials.
- Identification of the high-demand industries in your local area, and related credentials in which training will be provided.
- Identification of partnerships that will be used to support training, including, but not limited to, businesses or consortium of businesses, community-based organizations, and economic development agencies.
- In order to propose OJT, we must identify employers that are either relocating to the area, or expanding operations, and have expressed a commitment to providing OJTs, or that will be targeted by outreach.

As the turnaround time for this application will be very brief (we have heard June 6<sup>th</sup>), please submit your summary of local area interest to Lisa Caissie, [Lcaissie@detma.org](mailto:Lcaissie@detma.org), by **COB next Wednesday, May 29th**.

**Inquiries:**

Questions regarding this issuance should be directed to Diane Hurley at [dhurley@detma.org](mailto:dhurley@detma.org).

**Attachment:**

Dislocated Worker Training National Emergency Grant Concept Paper