

Mass Workforce Issuance

Workforce Issuance No. 13-63

Policy Information

To: Chief Elected Officials
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DCS Operations Managers

cc: WIA State Partners

From: Alice Sweeney, Director
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Date: November 21, 2013

Subject: **Youth *CareerConnect* Funding Opportunity!**

Purpose: To notify Local Workforce Investment Boards, One-Stop Career Center Operators and other local workforce investment partners of a new funding opportunity. The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), Employment and Training Administration (ETA) has posted a Solicitation for Grant Applications, [SGA/DFA PY-13-01](#), for the *Youth CareerConnect* program.

Background: DOL/ETA has announced the availability of approximately \$100 million in grant funds to be divided among 25 to 40 grants. The grants have an award ceiling of \$7 million, an award floor of \$2 million and a period of performance not to exceed 54 months. Applications must be received no later than 4:00pm EST, January 27th, 2014.

The Youth CareerConnect program is designed to provide high school students with education and training that combines rigorous academic and technical curricula focused on specific in-demand occupations and industries for which employers are using H-1B visas to hire foreign workers as well as the related activities necessary to support such training to increase participants' employability in H-1B in-demand industries and occupations.

DOL is particularly interested in programs that leverage existing Federal, State, and local resources that are already established with the goal of transforming neighborhoods, schools, the workforce, and the regional economy. Core elements include:

- Integrated Academic and Career-Focused Learning
- Employer Engagement
- Individualized Career and Academic Counseling
- Work-based Learning and Exposure to the World of Work
- Program Sustainability
- Program Performance and Outcomes

Grants will be awarded to partnerships of public and private sector entities. Eligible lead applications, who will serve as the fiscal agent for grants under this solicitation must be a public or non-profit local workforce entity, a local education agency, or a non-profit entity with program model experience as defined in the solicitation.

Please refer to the full Solicitation for Grant Applications (SGA), identified above, for complete information.