

Mass Workforce Issuance

Workforce Issuance No. 15-23

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: March 27, 2015

Subject: **Availability of Funds for Training to Work 3–Adult Reentry**

Purpose: To inform Local Workforce Investment Boards, One-Stop Career Center Operators, and other local workforce investment partners of the Department of Labor (DOL), Employment and Training Administration (ETA) funding opportunity FOA-ETA-15-07; Training to Work 3–Adult Reentry.

Background: The DOL/ETA announces the availability of approximately \$27 million in grant funds to develop and implement career pathways programs in demand sectors and occupations for men and women, including Veterans and people with disabilities, who are at least 18 years old and enrolled in work release programs (WRP).

Application Deadline: May 1, 2015
Eligible Applicants: Nonprofit organizations with 501(c)(3) status**
Number of Awards: 20
Ceiling Amount: \$1,360,000
Period of Performance: 39 months (starting July 2015)

** Applicants must be located in an urbanized area or urban cluster as defined by the US Census Bureau.

Successful applicants will:

- 1) establish a committed Career Pathways Collaborative (CPC) led by the grantee (a nonprofit organization, such as a faith-based or community-based organization) and including representatives from the workforce system, WRP,

and employers and/or industry associations. The CPC leadership team will create a career pathways program(s) with identified career pathways in a demand sector(s) within their community and defined, specific roles and responsibilities for each organization; and

- 2) provide an integrated set of critical participant-level services, such as case management and skills training, that enable participants to enter and advance along the identified career pathways as they acquire additional skills.

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