

Mass Workforce Issuance

Workforce Issuance No. 11-14

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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 Regional Managers

cc: WIA State Partners

From: Michael Taylor, Director
Department of Workforce Development

Date: March 2, 2011

Subject: **Career Pathways Innovation Fund Grant Solicitation**

Purpose: To notify Local Workforce Investment Boards of the Career Pathways Innovation Fund grant opportunity.

Background: On March, 1, 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 Career Pathways Innovation Fund.

ETA intends to make available up to \$122 million to fund 40-50 grants that:

- increase the number of individuals acquiring the credentials that enable them to compete for employment in high demand jobs and industries;
- lead to employment for participants;
- ease academic/employment transitions for students of varying skill levels, including students with low English or basic skills proficiency; and
- create long term systemic change to connect the education, training, workforce and supportive services, including strengthening the role of the public workforce system, necessary to achieve the aforementioned goals.

It is anticipated that individual awards will range between \$1 - \$5 million.

Eligible applicants include:

- local Workforce Investment Boards in partnership with one or more community or technical colleges where education/training activities will occur under the grant;
- community or technical colleges;
- community college districts; and
- state community college systems.

Applications are due no later than March 31, 2011.

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

http://www.doleta.gov/grants/find_grants.cfm

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