

Mass Workforce Issuance

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cc: WIA State Partners

From: Alice Sweeney, Director
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Subject: **Funding Opportunity: Women in Apprenticeship and Nontraditional Occupations**

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-13-08](#), for the Women in Apprenticeship and Nontraditional Occupations grant program.

Background: The U.S. Department of Labor's (DOL, or the Department) Women's Bureau (WB) and Employment and Training Administration (ETA) Office of Apprenticeship (OA), announce the availability of approximately \$1.8 million in grant funds authorized by the Women in Apprenticeship and Nontraditional Occupations (WANTO) Act of 1992.

Approximately four grants will be awarded to community development organizations to create Regional Multi-State Technical Assistance resource Centers. Grant amounts will range from \$400,000 to \$650,000 for a two year grant period. The centers will support women entering into nontraditional occupations. Services will include:

- the development of connections with pre-apprenticeship programs to prepare women for [Registered Apprenticeship programs](#);

- orientations on creating a successful environment for women in apprenticeship; and
- support in the form of child care, transportation, support groups and other efforts to remove barriers to women succeeding in these industries.

Eligible applicants include community-based organizations capable of establishing technical assistance resources for Registered Apprenticeship Programs (RAPs) to assist women to enter nontraditional occupations. The grants are jointly administered by the department's [Women's Bureau](#) and its [Office of Apprenticeship](#).

Applicants must be able to serve a minimum of 13 RAPs at least one of which is a National Registered Apprenticeship Program Sponsor or an organization that has certified National Guidelines for Apprenticeship Standards. A consortium of CBOs may also apply for a grant, provided they include a copy of the consortium agreement and identify the entity that will administer the grant.

Applications must be received no later than 4:00pm EST, **May 2nd, 2014**.

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