

# Mass Workforce Issuance

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**Workforce Issuance No. 14-43**

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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 19, 2014

**Subject:** **Funding Opportunity: Workforce Innovation Fund Grant Program**

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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 funding opportunity. The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), Employment and Training Administration (ETA) has posted a Solicitation for Grant Applications, [SGA-DFA-PY-13-06](#), under the Workforce Innovation Fund grant program.

**Background:** The Employment and Training Administration (ETA), U.S. Department of Labor (DOL, or the Department), announces the availability of up to \$53 million in grant funds to be awarded under the Workforce Innovation Fund (WIF) grant program and anticipates awarding between 8 - 15 grants. The award floor is \$3m and the ceiling is \$12m. These funds support innovative approaches that generate long-term improvements in the performance of the public workforce system, outcomes for job seekers and employers, and cost-effectiveness. All projects funded under the WIF will be rigorously evaluated in order to build a body of knowledge about what works in workforce development.

Eligible institutions are: 1) State Workforce Agencies; 2) Local Workforce Investment Boards; and 3) entities eligible to apply for WIA Section 166 grants. Current WIF grantees are eligible to apply; however, the proposed project cannot be an expansion of the current WIF project and must be entirely separate from any existing project funded under the WIF.

Applications must be received no later than 4:00pm EST, **June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014**.

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