

# Mass Workforce Issuance

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**Workforce Issuance No. 10-29**

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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 30, 2010

**Subject:** **Grants for Women in Apprenticeship and Nontraditional Occupations**

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**Purpose:** To provide notice to Local Workforce Investment Boards, One-Stop Career Center Operators and other local workforce investment partners of the availability of grant funding for projects to improve recruitment and participation of women in apprenticeship and nontraditional occupations (A/NTO).

**Background:** On Tuesday, March 30, 2010 the Women's Bureau and the Employment and Training Administration (ETA) Office of Apprenticeship announced in the Federal Register, the availability of a maximum of \$1,800,000 in competitive grant funds to community based organizations (CBOs) for proposed projects to assist employers and labor unions in the recruitment, training, placement and retention of women into apprenticeship and nontraditional occupations.

It is anticipated that up to 6 grants up to a maximum of \$300,000 each will be awarded to a local consortium led by a CBO and including a registered apprentice program (RAP) or programs. Under the grant solicitation, grant awards will be made to the participating CBO.

Applicants must demonstrate a clearly established consortium whereby the RAP(s) will be responsible for placing and retaining women into the apprenticeship and the CBO will provide job training services that include:

- hard skills such as basics of a skilled occupation, core industry skills training such as tool identification, industry math/science, industry-related reading /literacy, English as a Second Language instruction;

- soft skills such as work readiness training, team building, and workplace culture; and
- support services such as mentoring, networking, support groups, drivers' license recovery programming and leadership development.

Applications are due no later than April 29, 2010.

The full text of the solicitation announcement may be accessed through the following link:

<http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/pdf/2010-6950.pdf>

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