

Mass Workforce Issuance

Workforce Issuance No. 11-08

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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: February 10, 2011

Subject: Notice of TAA Community College/Career Assistance Training Grants

Purpose: To assure that Local Workforce Investment Boards, One-Stop Career Center Operators and other local workforce investment partners are aware of a current grant opportunity for Community Colleges and other, post-secondary training institutions to expand and improve their ability to deliver education and career training that can be completed in two years or less.

Background: The U.S. Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration (ETA) announced in the Federal Register (1/21/11) the availability of \$500 million in grant funds for Community Colleges and other institutions of higher learning as defined in Section 102 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 USC 1002) for the purpose increasing capacity to provide training that can be completed in two years or less, is suited for workers eligible under the TAA program and prepares participants for employment in high-wage, high-skill occupations. ETA intends to fund grants ranging from \$2.5 - \$5 million for individual applicants and from \$2.5 - \$20 million for consortium applicants.

The closing date for applications is April 21, 2011. The full text of the Solicitation for Grant Application (SGA) may be accessed through the following link:

<http://www.doleta.gov/grants/pdf/SGA-DFA-PY-10-03.pdf>

Please ensure that local Community Colleges and other eligible training providers in the region are knowledgeable of this grant opportunity.

While WIBs and One-Stop Career Centers are not eligible as applicants, either individually or as part of a consortium, applicants are required to “consult” with the local Public Workforce System and are encouraged to actively engage the local system in identifying, assessing and referring candidates for participation, connecting workers with employers and providing support services where appropriate.

Inquiries: Please direct all inquiries to Melissa Abdullah, Grants Management Specialist, Division of Federal Assistance at 202-693-3346