## MASSACHUSETTS WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM

## MassWorkforce Issuance

## Workforce Issuance No. 14-34

□ Policy ☑ Information

**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:** April 18, 2014

Subject: Urban and Non-Urban Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program Funding

**Opportunity** 

**Purpose:** To notify Local Workforce Investment Boards, One-Stop Career Center Directors

and other local workforce investment partners of a grant opportunity to provide services to assist in integrating homeless Veterans into meaningful employment.

**Background:** The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), Veterans' Employment and Training

Service (VETS) announced the availability of approximately \$6 million in grants through <u>SGA-14-02</u>, Urban and Non-Urban Homeless Veterans' Reintegration

Program (HVRP) for Program Year (PY) 2014.

Eligible Applicants - Applications for grant funds will be accepted from state and local Workforce Investment Boards (SWIBs/LWIBs), local public agencies, Native American tribal governments (federally recognized), Native American tribal organizations (other than federally recognized tribal governments), forprofit/commercial entities, and non-profit organizations, including faith-based and community-based organizations.

Applications proposing to serve homeless Veterans under this HVRP solicitation will fall into one of two categories: Urban or Non-Urban geographical areas and address two objectives:

- To provide services to assist in reintegrating homeless Veterans into meaningful employment within the labor force
- To stimulate the development of effective service delivery systems that will address the complex problems facing homeless Veterans.

Successful applicants will propose programs that expedite the reintegration of eligible homeless Veterans into labor force by providing job-driven training, placement services, counseling, supportive services, and other assistance.

Applicants must promote active engagement with industry, employers and employer associations to identify the skills needed for in-demand jobs and careers. Applicants must also address all of the operational, administrative and financial requirements described within the solicitation. Successful applicants will have demonstrated the ability to address the universal challenges as well as the local or regional problems that have contributed to Veteran homelessness and have prevented these Veterans from stabilizing their lives and reentering the workforce.

Twenty grants of \$100,000 to \$300,000 will be awarded

The closing date for receipt of applications under this announcement is May 13, 2014. Applications must be received no later than 4:00:00 p.m. Eastern Time.