



April 16, 2004

VETERANS' PROGRAM LETTER NO. 03-04

MEMORANDUM FOR: ALL REGIONAL ADMINISTRATORS AND DIRECTORS FOR
VETERANS' EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING
ALL STATE WORKFORCE AGENCY (SWA)
ADMINISTRATORS
ALL REGIONAL ADMINISTRATORS, EMPLOYMENT AND
TRAINING ADMINISTRATION (INFO)

FROM: FREDERICO JUARBE JR.

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SUBJECT: Issuance of FY 2005-2009 Solicitation For Grant Applications,
Jobs For Veterans State Grants for Disabled Veterans' Outreach
Program (DVOP) Specialists and Local Veterans Employment
Representative (LVER) Staff

I. **Purpose:** To provide guidance for the implementation of the FY 2005-2009 Solicitation For Grant Applications (SGA); Jobs For Veterans State Grants, which may be modified annually through FY 2009.

II. **References:** Title 38, Chapter 41 of the United States Code (38 U.S.C. 41) as amended by Jobs For Veterans Act (JVA) Public Law (P.L.) 107-288 of 2002, enacted November 7, 2002. Veterans' Program Letter (VPL) 09-00 dated July 7, 2000 superseded with the current DVOP/LVER SGA (FY 2001-FY 2004) expiring September 30, 2004.

III. **Background:** To implement the requirements of P.L 107-288, a new Solicitation for Grant Application (SGA) has been developed. The SGA was developed in partnership with the National Association of State Workforce Agencies (NASWA) and reflects the culmination of input from a variety of workgroups involved in assessing the impact, recommending policy direction, and providing strategy for the overall implementation of P.L 107-288.

IV. **Guidance and Technical Assistance:** The SGA and all applicable enclosures are available for download through the VETS and or NVTI web sites located at:

<http://www.dol.gov/vets/grants/grants/main.htm>

<http://nvti.cudenver.edu/Implementation/Default.htm>

A new aspect of the SGA is the cooperation between all entities involved in providing services to veterans. Changes in the SGA have been made to clarify, simplify, and streamline the State plan composition with less documentation required. Therefore, it is important that the SGA be thoroughly assessed and studied. Directors for Veterans' Employment and Training Service (DVETS) will assist the State in developing a plan that meets the requirements of the SGA.

V. DVOP/LVER/TAP State Plan Submission Timeline CY 2004 for FY 2005 State Plan Submission: A timeline is provided for your guidance and planning:

April 15	SGA available for access through the VETS and or NVTI web site http://www.dol.gov/vets/grants/grants/main.htm http://nvti.cudenver.edu/Implementation/Default.htm
June 1	First Draft State plan application from State to DVET for review
June 8	DVET comments/recommendations provided to the State
July 1	Final State plan application due to DVET
July 9	Final State plan, with approval from DVET, due to the RAVET
July 23	Final State plans, with approval from DVET and RAVET, due to the RLC
August 16-20	Grant Review Team meets to review all applications. <u>It is important that key State, DVET, and RAVET officials be available to answer inquiries during this week</u>
September 2	Final completed packages sent to the National Office
September 8	VETS Director of Operations and Programs briefed on the results
September 10	ASVET and executive staff briefed on the grant review results
September 17	Notice of Obligation Authority documents added to the State packages, packages readied for Grant Officer approval
September 23	Packages awaiting passage of FY 2005 budget (if necessary)

VI. Inquiries: Grantees may address questions regarding this VPL to their DVET. DVETS or other VETS staff with questions should contact their RAVET. RAVETS may contact Pamela Langley at 202.693.4708 or Joel Delofsky at 312-353-4942.

VII. Expiration Date: Until rescinded or superseded.