

TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT NOTICE	<b>NO.</b> 10-06
	<b>DATE</b> August 16, 2006

**TO:** ALL STATE WORKFORCE AGENCIES  
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ALL ONE-STOP CAREER CENTER STAFF

**FROM:** GAY M. GILBERT /s/  
Administrator, Office of Workforce Investment

**SUBJECT:** Award of Program Year 2006 National Senior Community Service  
Employment Program Grants

1. **Purpose.** To announce the results of the Program Year (PY) 2006 competition of the national Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) grants.
2. **Reference.** Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Solicitation for Grant Applications (SGA); Older Americans Act – Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) National Grants for Program Year 2006; SGA/DFA-PY 05-06.
3. **Background.** The Department of Labor decided to conduct a free and open competition of the SCSEP national grants in PY 2006. Competition is the stimulus for new ideas and high quality service, and a cornerstone of Federal procurement policy. It also helps to ensure that programs are being administered in an efficient and cost-effective manner.

The Department published an SGA in the Federal Register on March 2, 2006. The SGA closed on May 26, 2006, and 36 applications were received. Grant awards were announced on July 31, 2006. The 18 grantees were selected through a competitive process based on the technical merit of each proposal. As required by law, Asian and Pacific Islander as well as Indian and Native American organizations were among the grantees selected. The awardees will serve low-income individuals, ages 55 or older, throughout the country.

4. **Awardee Information.** Attachment I to this Training Employment Notice (TEN), the SCSEP PY 2006 Allocation Summary, provides the names of the grantees, their PY 2006 position allocations, their PY 2006 award and funds allotted for the first quarter of PY 2006. The first quarter funding is to support the transition of participants affected by the competition. Italics indicate a new grantee.

5. **Additional Information.** The funding for the PY 2006 first quarter (August 1, 2006-September 30, 2006) will be used for administrative costs to support the two-month transition from current to new service providers. ETA is committed to avoiding disruptions to participants and ensuring a seamless transition in those instances in which grantee service areas change as a result of the competition.

All participants who are affected by the competition have the right of first refusal. This means that current participants must be offered the opportunity to continue in an authorized position for a minimum of 90 days, in the same geographic area, in the same host agency, and with the same wages and fringe benefits. After 90 days, such participants will be subject to the procedures of the new grantee, but will remain enrolled in the program. The procedures of the new grantee may affect their rate of pay, work schedule, fringe benefits and/or host agency assignment.

The transition will be completed by October 1, 2006, when the new grants will commence for a nine-month period ending June 30, 2007.

6. **Inquiries.** Questions should be directed to your ETA Regional Office, or Gale B. Gibson, Office of Workforce Investment, Division of Adult Service, (202) 693-3758.

7. **Attachment.**

I. SCSEP PY 2006 Allocation Summary