

**Department of Labor  
Employment and Training Administration**



**Upcoming ETA Funding Opportunities**

**Upcoming ETA Competitive Funding Opportunities**

**The Make it in America Challenge**

**Anticipated Solicitation Announcement: early 2013**

The Make it in America Challenge will provide \$40 million in competitive grant funding through the Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration (EDA) and National Institute of Standards and Technology Manufacturing Extension Partnership (NIST MEP), and the Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration (ETA).

Competitive applicants will propose projects that accelerate job creation by encouraging insourcing of productive activity by U.S. firms, fostering increased foreign direct investment, incentivizing U.S. companies to keep or expand their businesses—and jobs—here at home, and training local workers to meet the needs of those businesses.

Make it in America will build upon the Administration's bottom-up approach to strengthening the economy by partnering with state, regional and local economies. Successful projects will leverage funding from both funding agencies to include:

- public works projects that revitalize, expand and upgrade physical infrastructure that will attract new industry or encourage business retention or expansion;
- technical assistance in developing new strategies and tools to make their economies more attractive to insourcing or retention and expansion;
- technical assistance to companies looking to invest in innovative technologies, new products or services, or enhanced processes that will grow sales and jobs;
- targeted training and employment activities that support the local workforce needs of employers, move new and current workers up and along a career pathway, and strengthen America's highly-skilled and diverse workforce.

**H-1B Grants**

**Anticipated Solicitation Announcement: Fall**

Approximately \$130 million will be available for an H-1B Technical Skills Training (TST) Grants. This grant program is designed to provide education, training, and job placement assistance in the occupations and industries for which employers are using H-1B visas to hire foreign workers. H-1B TST Grants are financed by a user fee, paid by employers, to bring foreign workers into the United States under the H-1B non-immigrant visa program.

DOL will fund up to \$30 million to grantees that provide On-the Job Training (OJT) to all participants, especially those focusing on serving small businesses. DOL also intends to fund at least \$40 million to applicants proposing to serve long-term unemployed, returning service members and veterans, and unemployed young adults (ages 18-24) that meet the education and skill requirements.

The Department will award two rounds of funding with this Solicitation from two separate closing dates. The full solicitation will be posted in the near future.

### **YouthBuild Grants**

#### **Anticipated Solicitation Announcement: Winter**

The YouthBuild program is a community development program that serves youth ages 16-24. The target population for YouthBuild is high school dropouts who may be youth aging out of foster care, youth with disabilities, adjudicated youth or other at-risk populations. The YouthBuild program uses a dual model combining academic education and occupational skills training leading to the completion of a high school diploma or GED. Participants receive an opportunity to gain industry recognized certifications in construction trades while gaining hands on experience in the construction industry.

### **Serving Adult and Youth Ex-Offenders through Strategies Targeted to Characteristics Common to Female Ex-Offenders Generation II**

#### **Anticipated Solicitation Announcement: Winter**

The purpose of these grants is to improve the long-term labor market prospects of female ex-offenders. These grants will utilize gender specific strategies to engage participants and assist them in transitioning into their communities, families and the workplace. These grants will provide services including job training that leads to credentials in high-demand industries, employment preparation, mentoring, intense case management/life coaching and assistance connecting to supportive services such as housing, substance abuse and mental health treatment, and assistance with parenting and child reunification. While designed to expand opportunities for females ex-offenders, services must also be open to eligible male ex-offenders.

### **Serving Juvenile Ex-Offenders in High –Poverty, High-Crime Areas Generation III**

#### **Anticipated Solicitation Announcement: Winter**

The purpose of these grants is to improve the long-term labor market prospects of youth that have been involved in the juvenile justice system but have never been involved in the adult criminal system. These grants will include a combination of workforce development, education and training, case management, mentoring, restorative justice, and community-wide violence reduction components. Training is expected to lead to the attainment of industry-recognized credentials.

**Workforce Data Quality Initiative Grants**  
**Anticipated Solicitation Announcement: Winter**

This grant program provides funding, resources, and technical assistance to states building or expanding upon longitudinal data systems. Funding allows states to create the ultimate longitudinal data system through establishing matches with individual-level information from pre-kindergarten to post-secondary and through the workforce system while protecting individual privacy. The WDQI complements the Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems program administered by the Department of Education.

**Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training Grants (TAACCCT)**  
**Anticipated Solicitation Announcement: Winter**

The Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training grants program (TAACCCT) funds eligible institutions of higher education to offer, develop or improve training and education programs to serve workers who are eligible for training under the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) for workers program. Eligible institutions may be located all the 50 States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico or the U.S. territories. The TAACCCT program provides community colleges and other eligible institutions of higher education with funds to expand and improve their ability to deliver education and career training programs that can be completed in two years or less, are suited for workers who are eligible for training under the TAA for workers program, and prepare program participants for employment in high-wage, high-skill occupations.

**Serving Juvenile Ex-Offenders**  
**Anticipated Solicitation Announcement: Spring**

This grant program provides training, education, subsidized work experience and the rebuilding of community trust through service-learning projects that benefit the community. Training provided is expected to lead to the acquisition of credentials in demand industries in the grantee's local area.

**Reintegration of Ex-Offenders (RExO) Adult**  
**Anticipated Solicitation Announcement: Spring**

This grant program is designed to strengthen the communities to which the majority of ex-offenders return. The program focuses on training opportunities that lead to industry recognized credentials and job opportunities. Adult programs help to develop strategies for career advancement and encourage life-long learning. Programs partner to provide supportive services such as housing, substance abuse programs and mental health treatment.

**Disability Employment Initiative**  
**Anticipated Solicitation Announcement: Spring**

These funds will provide an opportunity for states to develop and implement a plan for improving effective and meaningful participation of persons with disabilities in the workforce. DOL will use this funding to implement the Disability Employment Initiative (DEI), through which the Department intends to make grant awards designed to: 1) improve educational, training, and employment opportunities and outcomes of youth and adults with disabilities who are unemployed, underemployed, and/or receiving Social Security disability benefits; and 2) help these individuals with disabilities find a path into the middle class through exemplary and model service delivery by the public workforce system.

**Workforce Innovation Fund Grants**  
**Anticipated Solicitation Announcement: Summer 2013**

The Innovation Fund supports innovative approaches to the design and delivery of employment and training services that generate long-term improvements in the performance of the public workforce system in terms of job-seeker and employer outcomes and cost-effectiveness.

**National Farmworker Jobs Program - Training**  
**Anticipated Solicitation Announcement: Winter**

The National Farmworker Jobs Program (NFJP) training grants help eligible migrant and seasonal farmworkers upgrade their agricultural job skills or acquire new ones in emerging industries and occupations that offer higher wages and more stable employment. The NFJP training grants also provides supportive services such as child care, health care, and transportation assistance. These services remove barriers so that eligible farmworkers can enter into or remain in training, or enables them to stabilize their employment.

**National Farmworker Jobs Program - Housing**  
**Anticipated Solicitation Announcement: Winter**

The National Farmworker Jobs Program (NFJP) housing assistance grants provide permanent housing assistance, temporary and/or emergency housing assistance, or a combination of both. Permanent housing assistance services include predevelopment and development services, project management, and resource development to secure acquisition, construction, or renovation and other operating funds for farmworker housing. Temporary housing assistance services include housing units for temporary occupancy, the management of such housing units, emergency housing payments, and case management.