

TO: Workforce Investment Board

DATE: 09/03/09

FROM: Executive Committee

For Action

For Information

For Discussion

SUBJECT: Grant Opportunity – Department of Labor - Healthcare Sector and Other High Growth and Emerging Industries Grant

PROPOSED MOTION(S): That the Workforce Investment Board ratify the Executive Committee's decision to approve the Department of Workforce Investment to gather regional support for the application process of the Department of Labor Healthcare Sector and Other high Growth and Emerging Industries grant with regular updates given to the Quality Employment and Development Committee.

DISCUSSION: On August 3, 2009, the Executive Committee voted to approve a new Department of Labor solicitation for grant application issued. The amount of the grant ranges between \$2-5 million, and a duration of 36 months.

ATTACHMENT(S):
Grant Summary

Solicitation for Grant Application Summary

Grant Name: Healthcare Sector and Other High Growth and Emerging Industries

Funding Source: Department of Labor-Employment and Training Administration American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

Deadline: 10/5/2009

Eligible Applicants: May include LWIBs

Webinar: 8/12/09

Partnership Requirements: One from each of the following

1. LWIB
2. Public and private employers in healthcare or industry-related org
3. Education and training community

Communities/Area to be Served:

Total Funds Available: \$220 Million

Number of Grants to be Issued: 45-65

Amount of Individual Grants: \$2-5 Million

Cost Sharing (Leverage): Not required but leveraged strongly encouraged and scored

Purpose of Grant: Teach workers necessary skills for and help pursue careers in healthcare and other high growth and emerging industry sectors.

Participant Target: Unemployed workers, dislocated workers, incumbent workers including low-wage workers.

Potential Occupations by Target Industries: Allied Health

1. Medical Assistants
2. Respiratory Therapists
3. Pharmacy Technicians
4. Diagnostic Medical Sonographers
5. Paramedics
6. Radiological Technicians

Long-Term Healthcare

1. Certified Nursing assistants

2. Home Health Specialists
3. Home and Personal Care Workers
4. Direct Support Professionals
5. Registered Nurses working in Long-Term Care Settings

High Growth and Emerging Industries

1. Information Technology
2. Advanced Manufacturing
3. Wireless and Broadband Deployment
4. Transportation and Warehousing
5. Biotechnology

Industry Target: Healthcare and subsectors

Nursing, Allied Health, Long-Term Care

Other High Growth and Emerging Industries

Allowable Activities: Training

1. Classroom Training
2. On-the-Job-Training
3. Registered Apprenticeship
4. Contextualized Learning
5. Internship
6. Customized Training
7. Basic Skills
8. Initial Assessment
9. Job Search
10. Case Management
11. Retention
12. Support Services
13. Updating Curriculum

Support Services: Yes

Describe Successful Training:

1. Target skills and competencies demanded by industries described earlier
2. Support career pathways such as an articulated career ladder or lattice
3. Result in an employer or industry recognized certificate or degree
4. Combine supportive services with training services to help participants overcome barriers to employment
5. Provide training services at times and locations that are easily accessible to targeted populations

Length of Grant: 36 Months