

**Generic Solicitation for Grant Applications  
Control Number 1225-0086  
Workforce Innovation Fund Grants Justification**

**Abstract:**

The Employment and Training Administration (ETA), U.S. Department of Labor (Department), announces the availability of approximately \$20.6 million to serve adult ex-offenders returning to their communities. The Department expects to award approximately 17 grants of up to \$1,212,000 each for 27-months, which includes up to three months for a planning phase and a minimum of 24 months of operation. The 24 months of operation must include time to allow each participant to complete the program and have between 3-4 months of follow-up. Any non-profit organizations with IRS 501(c)(3) status may apply for these grants to provide pre-release and post-release services to ex-offenders returning to high-poverty, high-crime communities.

**Electronic availability:**

This grant solicitation is available on the grants.gov Web site. Based on past DOL experience, the Department anticipates 50 percent of responses will be submitted electronically.

**Small Entities:**

This information collection will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities.

**Assurances of confidentiality:**

These grant solicitations do not offer applicants assurances of confidentiality.

**Special circumstances:**

This information collection complies with 5 CFR 1320.5

**Burden:**

Based on past experience, the DOL expects to receive approximately 100 applications. Public reporting burden for the information collection is estimated to average 20 hours per response for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

100 applications x 20 hours = 2000 hours.

In addition to the application, each grantee will be required to submit quarterly financial, performance, and narrative reports to ETA. Those information collection requirements will be cleared under a separate Control Number.

The DOL has increased the September 2011 average hourly earnings in the professional and business services industry of \$27.40 by 40 percent (total \$38.36) to monetize this burden. See *The Employment Situation—July 2011*, DOL, Bureau of Labor Statistics, [http://www.bls.gov/news.release/archives/empst\\_12022011.pdf](http://www.bls.gov/news.release/archives/empst_12022011.pdf) at 32.

2000 hours x \$38.36 = \$76,720.

The DOL associates no other burden costs with this information collection.

*Total burden: 100 respondents 100 responses, 2000 hours, \$0 other cost burden.*

**Supporting Statement B; Statistical Methods**

This information collection does not employ statistical methods.