

## **Generic Solicitation for Grant Applications Control Number 1225-0086**

Training and Service Learning Grants Justification

### **Abstract:**

The Employment and Training Administration (ETA), U.S. Department of Labor (DOL, or the Department), is announcing the availability of approximately \$30 million in grant funds authorized by the Workforce Investment Act for Reintegration of Ex-Offenders (RExO) Training and Service-Learning grants to serve young adult offenders ages 18 through 21 who have been involved in the juvenile justice system from the age of 14 or above and have never been convicted as an adult under Federal or State law. Training provided through these grants is expected to lead to credentials recognized by in demand industries in the grantee's geographic area to be served. Service-learning projects conducted through these grants must integrate meaningful community service with instruction and reflection that enrich the learning experience, teach civic responsibility, and encourage lifelong civic engagement. Such projects can help rebuild severed relationships between the returning offender and members of the community while developing the participant's workplace skills, such as leadership and time management. Through service-learning, returning offenders are offered the opportunity to reestablish community-based trust while enhancing their work-based skills and status in their 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 300 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.

300 applications x 20 hours = 6000 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 November 2011 average hourly earnings in the professional and business services industry of \$27.95 by 40 percent (total \$39.13) to monetize this burden. See *The Employment Situation—January 2012*, DOL, Bureau of Labor Statistics, [http://www.bls.gov/news.release/archives/empsit\\_02032012.pdf](http://www.bls.gov/news.release/archives/empsit_02032012.pdf) at 32.

6000 hours x \$39.13 = 234,780.

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

*Total burden: 300 respondents, 300 responses, 6000 hours, \$0 other cost burden.*

**Supporting Statement B; Statistical Methods**

This information collection does not employ statistical methods.