

Generic Solicitation for Grant Applications Control Number 1225-0086

Cooperative Agreements Under the Disability Employment Initiative Grants Justification

Abstract:

The Department of Labor (DOL), Employment and Training Administration (ETA), in coordination with the Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP), will announce the availability of approximately \$20 million for a third round of cooperative agreements to state agencies that administer the Workforce Investment Act of 1998. These funds provide an opportunity for states to develop and implement a plan for improving effective and meaningful participation of persons with disabilities in the workforce. The DOL is using this funding to make six to ten 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. The DOL will award DEI grants for a three-year period of performance.

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 30 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.

30 applications x 20 hours = 600 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 December 2011 average hourly earnings in the professional and business services industry of \$23.25 by 40 percent (total \$32.55) to monetize this burden. See *The Employment Situation—February 2012*, DOL, Bureau of Labor Statistics, http://www.bls.gov/news.release/archives/empst_03092012.pdf at 32.

600 hours x \$32.55 = \$19,530.

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

Total burden: 30 respondents, 30 responses, 600 hours, \$0 other cost burden.

Supporting Statement B: Statistical Methods

This information collection does not employ statistical methods.