

NOTE TO REVIEWER

Grants Solicitation for National Technical Assistance and Demonstrating Center on Preparing Youth with Disabilities for Employment, September 17, 2012 through September 16, 2013

1225-0086

Grant Initiative Abstract: U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), Office of Disability Employment Policy will identify an entity to manage and operate its National Technical Assistance and Demonstrating Center on Preparing Youth with Disabilities for Employment. The Center will provide technical assistance, training, and information to Workforce Investment Act (WIA)-funded youth programs and current and former DOL grantees to aid them in integrating evidence-based effective practices for improving transition results for young people with disabilities enrolled in these programs. Further, the Center will use the Guideposts for Success as a transition framework and recognize that youth, families, educators, workforce professionals and other stakeholders must work together to increase employment expectations for youth with disabilities. Additionally, the Center will build capacity within and across both generic and disability-specific youth service delivery systems to improve employment and post-secondary education outcomes for youth with disabilities. The Center will have three areas of focus: career exploration, management, and planning; youth development and leadership; and professional development.

Funding of up to \$1.1 million will be awarded through a competitive process for a 12-month period of performance (September 17, 2012 through September 16, 2013), with the possibility of up to 4 option years of funding depending on the availability of funds and satisfactory performance.

Information Collection Burden: The DOL expects approximately 10 applications from an equal number of applicants, and the burden per application will be 20 hours with no capital, start-up, maintenance, or operational costs. Fifty percent of the applications are expected to be filed electronically.

The DOL has increased the March 2012 average hourly earnings in the professional and business services industry of \$28.03 by 40 percent (total \$39.24) to monetize this burden. See *The Employment Situation—May 2012*, DOL, Bureau of Labor Statistics, http://www.bls.gov/news.release/archives/empsit_06012012.pdf at 33.

200 burden hours x \$38.64 per hour = \$7848.

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

Total burden: 10 respondents (unduplicated), 10 responses, 200 hours, \$0 other cost burden

Electronic Capability: The grant will be made available on grants.gov.

Assurances of confidentiality: This grant solicitation does not offer applicants assurances of confidentiality.

Special circumstances: This information collection complies with 5 CFR 1320.5.

Supporting Statement B: Statistical Methods: This information collection does not employ statistical methods.