

NOTE TO REVIEWER

Grants Solicitation for National Center on Leadership for Employment and Advancement of People with Disabilities (LEAD), September 28, 2012 through September 27, 2013

1225-0086

Grant Initiative Abstract: Through this solicitation, the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP) will identify an entity to establish the National Center on Leadership for Employment and Advancement of People with Disabilities (LEAD). The Center will seek to improve employment outcomes and promote the economic advancement of people with disabilities by focusing on five strategic goal areas. First, the Center will stimulate and bring to scale innovative practices and solutions-oriented models focused on both sustainable systems change and improved practices at the individual level. Second, the Center will coordinate and provide state-of-the-art technical assistance, training and knowledge transfer capacity to workforce-related federal, state and local staff, grantees, subcontracting entities and external partners on evidence-based strategies and best practices. Third, the Center will translate emerging and successful solutions identified through demonstration projects and research focused on retention and return-to-work issues for individuals with disabilities, particularly mature workers. Fourth, the Center will assist ODEP in the development of policy by performing, upon request, rapid response to policy analysis and policy implementation questions. Finally, the Center will provide real-time accurate information related to disability employment and serve as a central locus and repository of information on best practices and successful employment strategies to both individual job seekers and the systems that assist them in securing, retaining, and advancing in employment.

Funding of up to \$1,100,000 will be awarded through a competitive process for a 12-month period of performance (September 28, 2012 through September 27, 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.

10 applications x 20 hours = 200 hours.

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 = \$7728.

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.