

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

*Workforce Data Quality Initiative*

**Abstract:**

The Employment and Training Administration (ETA) will announce the availability of approximately \$6 million from funds made available through the Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 DOL appropriation for Training and Employment Services for grants to State Workforce Agencies (SWA) to develop the Workforce Data Quality Initiative (WDQI). The Department has reserved up to 3 percent of this round's total grant funding (a maximum amount of \$193,890) to provide technical assistance to assist grantees in developing and implementing their WDQIs.

**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 20 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.

20 applications x 20 hours = 400 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 October 2012 average hourly earnings in the professional and business services industry of \$28.14 by 40 percent (total \$39.40) to monetize this burden. See

*The Employment Situation—December 2012*, DOL, Bureau of Labor Statistics, [http://www.bls.gov/news.release/archives/empst\\_01042013.pdf](http://www.bls.gov/news.release/archives/empst_01042013.pdf) at 35.

400 hours x \$39.40 = \$15,760

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

*Total burden: 20 respondents, 20 responses, 400 hours, \$0 other cost burden.*

**Supporting Statement B; Statistical Methods**

This information collection does not employ statistical methods.