

## **Generic Solicitation for Grant Applications**

### **Notice of Availability of Funds and Solicitation for Grant Applications for the Training to Work 2-Adult Reentry Program**

#### **Abstract:**

This request seeks OMB approval for the unique information collections contained in the Training to Work 2-Adult Reentry (T2W2) Solicitation for Grant Applications (SGA). The grant program provides the opportunity for organizations to develop and implement career pathway programs for in demand sectors and occupations for men and women who are at least 18 years old and who are enrolled in work release programs (WRPs). Additionally, grantees must provide a strategy to prioritize services to veterans in these WRPs. Career pathways are frameworks that help to define and map out a sequence of education, training and workforce skills training resulting in skilled workers that meet employers' needs. Career pathways are an approach to linking and coordinating education and training services in ways that enable workers to attain such credentials, and ultimately, employment.

Successful applicants will: 1) establish a committed Career Pathways Collaborative (CPC) led by the grantee, which will be a non-profit organization such as a faith-based or community-based organization, and including representatives from the workforce system, WRP, and employers and/or industry associations. CPC will create a career pathway(s) program that defines each organization's specific roles and responsibilities including the identification of a career pathway(s) in demand sector(s) within their community, and 2) provide an integrated set of critical participant-level services such as case management and skills training that enable participants to get on the career pathway(s) and advance along those pathways as they acquire additional skills.

The ETA plans to award approximately 15 grants of up to \$2,000,000 each, totaling up to approximately \$30 million to serve male and female ex-offenders, referred to in this SGA as returning citizens, in WRPs as authorized by the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) and the Second Chance Act of 2007.

Applications include the following information collections:

- Abstract;
- Chart documenting past grant performance;
- Chart documenting timeliness of reports;
- Previous grantor(s) contact information;
- Form SF-424 and attachments (separately cleared under control number 4040-0004); and
- Project narrative and attachments.

#### **Electronic availability:**

This grant solicitation is available on the grants.gov Web site. Based on past DOL experience, the Department anticipates 80 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 100 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.

100 applications x 20 hours = 2,000 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 2013, average hourly earnings in the professional and business services industry of \$30.38 by 40 percent (total \$42.53) to monetize this burden. See *The Employment Situation—December 2013*, DOL, Bureau of Labor Statistics, [http://www.bls.gov/news.release/archives/empst\\_01102014.pdf](http://www.bls.gov/news.release/archives/empst_01102014.pdf) at 35.

2,000 hours x \$42.53 = \$85,060.

The DOL associates no other burden costs with this information collection. In addition to the application, each grantee will be required to submit quarterly financial, performance, and narrative reports to the ETA. Those information collection requirements will be cleared under a separate control number.

*Total burden: 100 respondents, 100 responses, 2000 hours, \$0 other cost burden.*

**Supporting Statement B; Statistical Methods**

This information collection does not employ statistical methods.