Generic Solicitation for Grant Applications

Women in Apprenticeship and Nontraditional Occupations (WANTO) Technical Assistance (TA) Grant **Program** Justification

<u>Supplemental Supporting Statement A: Justification</u>

The U.S. Department of Labor, Women's Bureau (WB) and Employment and Training Administration (ETA) will announce the availability of approximately \$1.8 million in grant funds authorized by the Women in Apprenticeship and Nontraditional Occupations (WANTO) Act of 1992, Pub. L. 102-530, 29 U.S.C. 2501 et seq. The DOL plans to disburse Program Year (PY) 2013 and PY 14 WANTO grant funds to up to four (4) community-based organization (CBO) grantees within the range of \$400,000 to \$650,000 for a 2-year grant period to develop and operate innovative TA projects to improve outreach, recruitment, hiring, training, employment, and retention of women, women of color and women with disabilities in apprenticeships and nontraditional occupations, as defined in this solicitation.

Applications include the following information collections:

- (1) Form SF-424, Application for Federal Assistance and attachments (separately cleared under control number 4040-0004);
- (2) Project Budget;
- (3) 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 SGA implicates no special circumstances.

Burden:

Based on past experience, the DOL expects to receive approximately 50 applications. The ETA estimates public reporting burden for the information collection to average 20 hours per response

for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining needed data, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

50 applications x 20 hours = 1,000 hours.

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/empsit_01102014.pdf at 35.

1,000 hours x \$42.53 = \$42,530.

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: 50 respondents, 50 responses, 1,000 hours, \$0 other cost burden.

Supplemental Supporting Statement B: Statistical Methods

This information collection does not employ statistical methods.