

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

**Supplemental Supporting Statement A: Justification**

The U.S. Department of Labor, Women's Bureau (WB) and Employment and Training Administration (ETA) will announce the availability at least \$994,000 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 Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 WANTO grant funds between two (2) and six (6) community-based organization (CBO) grantees within the range of \$250,000 to \$500,000 for a 1-year grant period to provide technical assistance to employers and labor unions to encourage employment of women in apprenticeable occupations 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 FOA implicates no special circumstances.

**Burden:**

Based on past experience, the DOL expects to receive approximately 27 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.

27 applications x 20 hours = 540 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](http://www.bls.gov/news.release/archives/empsit_01102014.pdf) at 35.

540 hours x \$42.53 = \$22,966.20.

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 WB. Those information collection requirements will be cleared under a separate control number.

*Total burden: 27 respondents, 27 responses, 540 hours, \$0 other cost burden.*

**Supplemental Supporting Statement B: Statistical Methods**

This information collection does not employ statistical methods.