

**Funding Opportunity Announcement  
Availability of FY18 Funding for State Apprenticeship Expansion  
Supplemental Justification**

**Supplemental Supporting Statement A: Justification**

This request seeks OMB approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act for the unique information collection requirements in the “Availability of FY18 Funding for State Apprenticeship Expansion,” Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL). The Department will announce the availability of approximately \$73 million in grant funds authorized by the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2018 (P.L. 115-141).

An estimated 54 applicants will receive awards of between \$400,000 and \$4 million. This guidance announces the phasing out of State Apprenticeship Expansion grants (FOA-ETA-16-13) and plans to further support statewide apprenticeship expansion by granting FY 18 apprenticeship funds appropriated under the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2018 (P.L. 115-141) to States.

This new funding opportunity has three primary goals:

1. To expand the number of apprentices in RAPs nationwide, including increasing the diversity of apprentices and growing apprenticeship across industry sectors;
2. To provide a funding stream to States to support systemic and programmatic activities that expand RAPs; and
3. To support the integration of RAPs into state workforce development, education, and economic development strategies and programs, ensuring that apprenticeship is a viable career path for youth, adults, career seekers as well as a valuable workforce development strategy for businesses.

For the purpose of this grant, eligible applicants are States, as defined at 29 CFR Section 29.2. The term “State” means “any of the 50 States of the United States, District of Columbia, or any Territory or possession of the United States.”

Applications will include the following information collections: 1) Form SF-424 “Application for Federal Assistance,” separately cleared under OMB control number 4040-0004, 2) Project Budget, 3) Project Narrative, and 4) Attachments to the Project Narrative.

**Electronic availability:**

This grant solicitation is available on the grants.gov website. Based on past DOL experience, the Department anticipates that at least 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 54 applications from an equal number of respondents. 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.

54 applications x 20 hours = 1080 hours.

The DOL has increased the average hourly earnings in the professional and business services industry to \$33.17 per hour to monetize this burden. See The Employment Situation—February 2019, DOL, Bureau of Labor Statistics, <https://www.bls.gov/news.release/pdf/empsit.pdf> at page 33.

1080 hours x \$33.17 = \$35,823.60

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: 54 respondents, 54 responses, 1080 hours, \$0 other cost burden.*

**Supplemental Supporting Statement B: Statistical Methods**

This information collection does not employ statistical methods.