

**Department of Labor  
Employment and Training Administration**



## **Upcoming ETA Funding Opportunities**

### **H-1B Technical Skills Training Grants**

The Department of Labor will make awards under the H-1B Technical Skills Training grants totaling approximately \$240 million through two rounds of grants. This grant program will provide education, training, and job placement assistance in the occupations and industries for which employers are using H-1B visas to hire foreign workers, and the related activities necessary to support such training. This technical skills training program was authorized under Section 414 (c) of the American Competitiveness and Workforce Improvement Act of 1998 (ACWIA), as amended (29 USC 2916a). The Department will emphasize On-the-Job Training (OJT) through these grants, and will ensure that a portion of funds are awarded to grantees that provide training for occupations in the health care industry. This solicitation has two closing dates – June 2, 2011 at 4pm and November 17, 2011 at 4pm. Applicants may only submit one application for each closing date; successful applicants will only receive funding for one grant. Applicants that submit more than one application to a round of funding will be considered non-responsive, and none of their applications will be considered for funding. The complete solicitation can be found at [http://www.doleta.gov/grants/find\\_grants.cfm](http://www.doleta.gov/grants/find_grants.cfm).

### **Jobs Accelerator Challenge**

The Jobs Accelerator Challenge will offer a combination of \$33 million in funding from the Department of Labor, the Economic Development Administration and the Small Business Administration to support customized solutions for approximately 20 competitively selected industry clusters in urban and rural regions across the nation and across all sectors. Funds awarded to the winning applicants may be used to support and accelerate a range of measurable outcomes including innovation, commercialization, business formation and expansion, job creation, development of a skilled workforce, increasing exports, sustainable economic development and global competitiveness. Thirteen additional agencies and bureaus will provide technical assistance to the grantees. More details on the Jobs Accelerator can be found at <http://www.eda.gov/InvestmentsGrants/JobsAndInnovationChallengeFAQ>.

### **Disability Employment Initiative (DEI) Grants**

The Disability Employment Initiative (DEI) is designed to fund competitive grants to: 1) improve educational, training, and employment opportunities and outcomes of youth and adults who are unemployed, underemployed, and/or receiving Social Security disability benefits; and 2) assist individuals with disabilities in finding a path to the middle class through exemplary and model service delivery in the public workforce system. The Department of Labor will fund approximately six to 10 grants, ranging from \$1.5 million to \$6 million for a three year period. Eligible applicants are State WIA administering agencies and must not have received DEI project funding in 2010 and must participate in the random assignment DEI project evaluation. The PY 2011 funding for Round II of the DEI grants is approximately \$20 million.