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ANNOUNCEMENT

ARC plans to assist organizations serving the Appalachian Region in developing applications for the upcoming fourth round of the **Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training (TAACCCT)** grant program implemented by the US Departments of Labor (DOL) and Education (ED). This grant program will provide institutions of higher education “with funds to expand and improve their ability to deliver education and career training programs that can be completed in two years or less, and that result in skills, degrees, and credentials that prepare program participants for employment in high-wage, high-skill occupations, and are suited for workers who are eligible for training under the Trade Adjustment Assistance for Workers program.”

Approximately \$500 million is expected to be available for this round of funding.

This grant program is aimed at workforce development with colleges providing the primary delivery mechanism. This will be the fourth and final year of funding that was provided under the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010.

ARC Reimbursement

ARC plans to reimburse organizations up to \$5,000 each for costs incurred in developing a TAACCCT application. Reimbursable costs include expenses directly related to the development and writing of the application, including the costs of a professional grantwriter (either external or internal to the organization or organizations applying for the grants), costs for limited travel to facilitate meetings with the grantwriter and application partners, and reasonable costs for meetings of partners and grantwriters. ARC is setting aside a total of \$75,000 for this effort.

To be eligible for reimbursement of proposal development expenses, applicants must submit a Letter of Intent to participate in the program by 5:00 p.m. ET two weeks after the SGA Issue Date (TBD). Applicants must send their Letter of Intent by email to wpaine@arc.gov. The letter must include a point of contact in the applicant's organization, a list of the proposed partner organizations/applicant team members, and the area served. ARC funding is limited for this activity and may not be sufficient to fund all requests. Applicants are encouraged to submit their letters of intent and accompanying information early to guarantee consideration of their application.

ARC funding applicants will be notified of their eligibility for reimbursement within four weeks of the release of the SGA. **To receive reimbursement, applicants will be asked to provide ARC with a list of actual expenses incurred in putting together the application, and evidence that their application was successfully uploaded via Grants.gov to the Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training program by the application deadline: TBD. Only the lead applicant for each application will be eligible for reimbursement.**

Applying to TAACT Grant Program

In previous years, grants were available to individual institutions (approximately \$2.5 to \$5 million each) and both single- and multi-state consortia of institutions (up to \$25 million each). While the announcement for FY 2014 has not yet been made, previous Solicitations for Grant Applications (SGAs) were released in March or April with submission deadlines in late May to early July, providing only 60-90 days to respond.

Interested institutions are encouraged to begin preparing now by reading prior year SGAs, reviewing successful applications, and contacting recipients from the first three rounds.

General information on the TAACCCT program can be found on the DOL web site at: http://www.doleta.gov/TAACCCT/eta_default.cfm

SGAs for previous years are also available at:

- FY2011: <http://www.doleta.gov/grants/pdf/SGA-DFA-PY-10-03.pdf>
- FY2012: http://www.doleta.gov/grants/pdf/taaccct_sga_dfa_py_11_08.pdf
- FY2013: http://www.doleta.gov/grants/pdf/taaccct_sga_dfa_py_12_10.pdf

Additional Information

1. Information on all three rounds of grant awards, including state-by-state summaries, project descriptions, links to full applications, and lists of grantees can be found on the DOL web site here: <http://www.doleta.gov/taaccct/grantawards.cfm>
2. To receive prompt notification of the release of the SGA, all interested applicants should go to <http://www.grants.gov> and “subscribe” to receive notifications of new opportunities as they are posted. Click on “manage subscriptions” or go directly to: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/manage-subscriptions.html>
3. DOL typically provides technical assistance in responding to SGAs. For information on DOL technical assistance and training resources, register on the Workforce3One website: <https://www.workforce3one.org/>