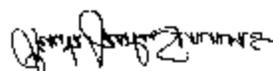


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TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION NOTICE NO. 21-99

TO: ALL STATE WORKFORCE LIAISONS
 ALL STATE WORKER ADJUSTMENT LIAISONS
 ALL STATE EMPLOYMENT SECURITY AGENCIES
 ALL ONE-STOP CAREER CENTER SYSTEM LEADS

FROM: LENITA JACOBS-SIMMONS
 Deputy Assistant Secretary



SUBJECT: Work Incentive Grant Solicitation for Grant Application (SGA) and the Schedule for Technical Assistance/Bidders' Conferences

1. Purpose. To provide the SGA for the Work Incentive Grant program announced in the Federal Register on Thursday, May 25, 2000, and to provide information on the Technical Assistance/Bidders' Conferences scheduled by the Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration (DOL/ETA) on this grant program.

2. References. Training and Employment Information Notice (TEIN) No. 16-99 dated April 12, 2000; TEIN No. 18-99 dated May 4, 2000.

3. Background. The Fiscal Year 2000 budget for DOL/ETA included \$20 million for Work Incentive Grants to increase the employability, employment and career advancement of people with disabilities through enhanced service delivery in the new One-Stop delivery system established under the Workforce Investment Act of 1998. ETA has worked closely with the Presidential Task Force on Employment of Adults with Disabilities and other Federal agencies on the development of requirements for the Work Incentive Grant program. The Solicitation for Grant Application for the Work Incentive Grant program can be accessed at: www.doleta.gov and also at: wdsc.org/disability.

The Technical Assistance/Bidders' Conference for the Work Incentive Grant program will be conducted in coordination with separate grant issuances from the Social Security Administration (SSA) and Department of Health and Human Services, Health Care Financing Administration (HHS/HCFA). On December 17, 1999, President Clinton signed into law the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act (TWWIA) of 1999 [Public Law 106-170]. The TWWIA

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sets new administrative requirements for the delivery of employment, training and rehabilitation services to individuals with disabilities who receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI). Under the TWWIIA, SSA and HCFA are initiating separate grant programs. SSA will be awarding \$23 million for Benefits Planning, Assistance and Outreach. Their awards of \$50,000 to \$300,000 will establish a nationwide capacity of comprehensive counseling to beneficiaries of SSI and SSDI on available work incentives upon entering or returning to employment, including information on health care coverage. The HHS/HCFA will award grants to State Medicaid agencies to expand State infrastructure capacity for the Medicaid buy-in component of the TWWIIA which extends access to critical health care coverage to SSI and SSDI beneficiaries that start or return to work.

4. Action Required. Recipients are requested to distribute this TEIN to State and Local Workforce Investment Boards and to other workforce development partners. Potential bidders are requested to attend at least one of the Technical Assistance/Bidders' Conferences listed below to get specific information on how to apply for the SSA, HCFA, and DOL grants.

Tuesday, June 6, 2000 - 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Pierson Auditorium
University of Missouri at Kansas City
5000 Holmes Avenue
Kansas City, MO 64110
Contact for this location: Kelli Ellerbusch (816) 235-1758

Thursday, June 8, 2000 - 9:00 - 1:00 p.m.
Oakland Federal Building
1301 Clay Street
Oakland, CA 94612
Contact for this location: Chris Neilson (510) 628-0665

Thursday, June 15, 2000 - 9:00 - 1:00 p.m.
U. S. Department of Labor Auditorium
200 Constitution Avenue N. W.
Washington, D.C. 20210
Contact for this location: Paul Bennett (202) 693-4927

5. Inquiries. Questions about the Technical Assistance/Bidders' Conferences should be directed to Paul Bennett of the Presidential Task Force on Employment of Adults with Disabilities at (202) 693-4927. Additional information on the grant announcements and the Technical Assistance/Bidders' Conferences may be found on the following websites: DOL - wdsc.org/disability ; Task Force - <http://dol.gov> ; SSA - ssa.gov/work ; and HCFA - hcfa.gov/medicaid.

6. Attachment. Work Incentive Grant Solicitation for Grant Application (SGA)