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State is Soliciting Proposals for \$4 Million in Veterans' Employment-Related Assistance Program Grants

SACRAMENTO – Today, the Employment Development Department (EDD) in coordination with the California Workforce Investment Board (CWIB) announced the availability of close to a total of \$4 million in funds to provide employment services to veterans. California is home to 2.5 million veterans, the most of any state.

The EDD, on behalf of the Labor and Workforce Development Agency, is seeking applications from public and private non-profit organizations, Local Workforce Investment Boards, education and training providers, and faith-based/community organizations. (Individuals are not eligible to apply.) The proposed projects must focus on transitioning recently separated veterans into high-wage, high-growth opportunities.

“This funding is designed to provide veterans with training and employment services that align with the skills and experiences of their military service,” said Pam Harris, Director of the EDD. “We are looking for projects that give men and women of our armed forces a smooth transition from their military careers to successful and productive civilian careers.”

Applications must be received **NO later than Tuesday, April 23, 2013, before 3:00 p.m.** The \$4 million funding is made up of \$2 million of the Workforce Investment Act Governor’s Discretionary (WIA) funds and \$2 million of Dislocated Worker Additional Assistance funds. Applicants must submit proposals integrating both WIA and Dislocated Worker funds, with the proposal budget equally split between the two fund sources, not to exceed the total maximum of \$400,000 per proposal.

The State expects that the projects awarded under this solicitation will be between 18 and 24 months in length, with a start date no earlier than June 1, 2013, and an end date no later than June 30, 2015. Funds will be subject to federal funding availability. For more information or for additional eligibility restrictions and requirements please refer to the SFP or the [Workforce Development SFP web page](#).

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The EDD will also have an electronic question and answer process. Questions must be emailed to WSBSFP2@edd.ca.gov and **received no later than March 27, 2013.** Answers will be posted, on a flow basis, on the EDD's Jobs and Training [Workforce Development SFP](#) web page, by 5 p.m. on April 5, 2013.

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