

INFORMATION NOTICE

WORKFORCE SERVICES

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TO: WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY

SUBJECT: YOUTH CAREER CONNECT GRANT PROGRAM

The purpose of this Information Notice is to inform the Workforce Development Community that the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) is collaborating with the U.S. Department of Education to make \$100 million available for Youth CareerConnect grants to provide high school students with the industry-relevant education and skills they need for a successful future. The Youth CareerConnect grant program is designed to encourage school districts, institutions of higher education, and the workforce investment system and their partners to scale-up evidence-based high school models that will strengthen America's talent pipeline through:

- Integrated Academic and Career-Focused Learning
- Work-Based Learning and Exposure to the World of Work
- Robust Employer Engagement
- Individualized Career and Academic Counseling
- Integration of Post-secondary Education and Training

The DOL will use up to \$100 million to fund approximately 25 to 40 grants. Grants will be awarded to local education agencies, public or nonprofit local workforce entities, or nonprofits with education reform experience. All grantees will have to demonstrate a strong public/private partnership in their applications, and must include a local education agency, a local workforce investment system entity, an employer, and an institution of higher education. In addition, applicants will be required to provide a match of 25 percent of the grant award. Applications are due by January 27, 2014; awards are anticipated to be made in early 2014 for program implementation to align with the 2014-15 school year.

For more information and to apply for funding, please visit Youth CareerConnect at www.doleta.gov/ycc/.

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