

WORKFORCE SERVICES INFORMATION NOTICE

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TO: WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY

SUBJECT: GRANT APPLICATION OPPORTUNITY – TECH HIRE PARTNERSHIP GRANTS

On November 17, 2015 the Department of Labor announced the availability of \$100 million in H-1B grant funds for the TechHire Partnership Grant.

The TechHire Partnership grant will fund efforts to provide the fastest paths for eligible individuals to well paying, middle and high skilled, high growth jobs in occupations for which H-1B visas have been certified, or other occupations in industries in which a significant number of H-1B visas have been certified within a service area. At least \$50 million of the grant funds will be used for projects serving individuals ages 17-29 who face barriers to training and employment. No more than \$50 million will be funded for projects serving individuals of any age over 17 with disabilities, with limited English proficiency, or with criminal records. Approximately 30-40 grants ranging from \$2-\$5 million each will be funded.

Eligible applicants are public and nonprofit entities that must include the workforce investment system; an education and training provider; and a business-related nonprofit organization, an organization functioning as a workforce intermediary, a consortia of three or more businesses, or at least three independent businesses that may not be grant applicants.

The Employment Development Department will not be pursuing this funding opportunity.

Applications must be submitted by March 11, 2016.

For more information about this grant opportunity, please visit the grants.gov website at <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=280094>.

/S/ JOSÉ LUIS MÁRQUEZ, Chief
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