Employment Development Department
State of California

INFORMATION NOTICE

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DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT ACCELERATOR PY 20-21 – SFP

The Employment Development Department (EDD), in coordination with the California Workforce Development Board and the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency, announces the availability of up to $2 million of *Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act* (WIOA) funds in a Disability Employment Accelerator (DEA) program Solicitation for Proposals (SFP).

The goal of this initiative is to promote the use of regional industry-sector strategies as the framework to help unemployed and underemployed People with Disabilities (PWD) obtain and retain competitive, integrated employment. The DEA 2020-21 will continue to focus on creating linkages and engaging businesses to develop work-based learning programs for PWD with significant barriers to employment. This year, there will be an additional focus on addressing the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic. Organizations that aim to serve PWD impacted by COVID-19 and/or that implement technology-enabled education and training to ensure safe participation in compliance with COVID-19 regulations are especially encouraged to apply.

Eligible applicants are Local Workforce Development Areas, education and training providers, private non-profit organizations, private for-profit organizations, and faith and/or community-based organizations. Individuals are not eligible to apply.

Proposals must be received by Wednesday, **December 16, 2020, no later than 3 p.m. PT.**

An informational teleconference will be held on Tuesday, November 17, 2020, at 10 a.m. PT. For call-in information, please email a request to EDDWSBSFP2@edd.ca.gov by 12 noon on Monday, November 16, 2019. To view this SFP, please visit the EDD Workforce Development Solicitations for Proposals webpage.

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