

INFORMATION NOTICE

WORKFORCE SERVICES

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TO: WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY

SUBJECT: DISLOCATED WORKER TRAINING NATIONAL EMERGENCY GRANT

The purpose of this Information Notice is to advise the workforce community of the availability of approximately \$1.76 million for up to eight grants through the Dislocated Worker Training National Emergency Grant. The grants will fund projects that fill critical health care workforce skill gaps by creating opportunities for California job seekers to earn industry-valued credentials and/or developing on-the-job training, internship, and other work-based learning modalities that expedite job placement in entry-level and middle skilled health care occupations. In addition, the California Workforce Investment Board is interested in funding projects that further advance the goals of the State Strategic Plan and build workforce system infrastructure and capacity through:

- **Collaboration** among regional partners in the development and delivery of “earn and learn” and career pathway models in the health care sector.
- **Innovation** that creates new or adapts existing approaches or accelerates application of promising practices in workforce development and skill attainment.
- **System change** that utilizes these sub-grants to incentivize adoption of proven strategies and innovations that are sustained beyond the grant period.

Successful projects will create or expand regional partnerships that include Workforce Investment Boards, America’s Job Centers of California (formerly known as One-Stop Career Centers), Community Colleges, community-based organizations, labor organizations, and health care employer association or of health care providers. Funds may be used to provide training and earn and learn strategies (via on-the-job training, internships, or creating models for health care apprenticeships) for the long-term unemployed, veterans, and other high-need dislocated workers (such as California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids [CalWORKs] participants). Particular emphasis is placed on:

- Expanding the scale of credential or certificate programs in regions/neighborhoods with a deficit of primary care (e.g. community health workers credentials in rural communities and/or urban areas with high concentrations of residents with multiple adverse health indicators).
- Occupations with high projected growth due to implementation of the Affordable Care Act.

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- Innovations in serving the target populations and bringing services to scale (e.g. prior learning assessment technology that “translates” and maximizes veteran’s service experience; piloting of health care apprenticeship models; use of short-term stackable certificates leading to credentials).

Applications are due October 31, 2013. Eligible applicants include local Workforce Investment Boards, educational entities, labor organizations, community-based organizations and industry organizations. Applicants must demonstrate experience with the fiscal, programmatic, and reporting requirements of Workforce Investment Act funds.

For more information on this funding opportunity and its requirements, please refer to the [Solicitation Notice – Dislocated Worker Training National Emergency Grant](#).

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