Employment Development Department
State of California
Workforce Services

INFORMATION NOTICE

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RFA – WORKFORCE NAVIGATOR PILOT PROGRAM FOR ELL AND IMMIGRANT WORKERS

The California Workforce Development Board (State Board), in conjunction with the Employment Development Department, and the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency, are pleased to announce a Request for Application (RFA) that makes available up to $1.5 million of *Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act* (WIOA) Title I Governor's Discretionary funds to develop and implement a Workforce Navigator Pilot Program targeting English Language Learners (ELL) and Immigrant workers.

The goal of this initiative is to promote increased access, create/enhance program structure and availability, and provide supportive services within the workforce system for California's ELL Population. Entities selected are expected to work in collaboration with community-based organizations (e.g., faith based organizations, public and private non-profit and for-profit organizations, education and training providers, etc.) and other workforce partners, including adult education entities. Funding will be for 18 months, with the goal of providing additional funding contingent upon future Congressional appropriation.

In addition to the implementation project, the state will invest additional funds to provide technical assistance. However, this assistance will require third-party evaluation, which will be acquired separately from this RFA.

Eligible applicants are Local Workforce Development Areas. Individuals are not eligible to apply. However, we encourage partnerships with community-based organizations.

Proposal applications must be received no later than **March 24, 2017**, before 3 p.m. PST.

For more information on WIOA grants and application requirements, please refer to the RFA notice on the State Board Initiatives web page.

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