



DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT ACCELERATOR – SFP

The Employment Development Department, in coordination with the California Workforce Development Board and the Labor and Workforce Development Agency, announces a Solicitation for Proposals (SFP) for a Disability Employment Accelerator (DEA) program. This SFP makes available \$2 million of *Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act* Title I Governor's Discretionary funds for this program.

The DEA program will focus on creating linkages and engaging businesses in high-growth industries. Entities will strive to use these business linkages to develop "earn and learn" service strategies (e.g., On-the-Job Training, Transitional Jobs, Work Experience, etc.) that ensure people with disabilities, including college students who are close to fulfilling their degree requirements and/or college graduates, have the necessary skills to obtain and retain competitive, integrated employment.

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 seeking innovative ways to strengthen business partnerships around in-demand jobs. Individuals are not eligible to apply.

Proposals must be received by Wednesday, **October 25, 2017**, no later than 3 p.m. PT. An informational teleconference will be held on Tuesday, September 26, 2017, at 10 a.m. PT. For call-in information, please email a request to EDDWSBSFP2@edd.ca.gov by 12 noon on Friday, September 22, 2017. To view this SFP, please visit the EDD [Workforce Development Solicitations for Proposals](#) webpage.

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