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SUBJECT: Availability of Grant Funds and Solicitation for Grant Applications
for Community-Based Job Training Grants (for Community and
Technical Colleges)

1. Purpose. To provide information regarding the availability of grant funds and solicitation for grant applications (SGA) for Community-Based Job Training Grants – Funding Opportunity Number SGA/DFA-PY-04-10. The closing date for receipt of applications is July 6, 2005.
2. Background. On May 3, 2005, the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration (DOL/ETA) announced the availability of approximately \$125 million in grant funds for Community-Based Job Training Grants.
3. Summary. Community-Based Job Training Grants will be awarded through a competitive process to support workforce training for high-growth industries through the national system of community and technical colleges. Funds will be awarded to community colleges to engage in a combination of capacity building and training activities targeted at high-growth or high-demand industries in the local economy. The primary purpose of the grants is to build the capacity of community colleges to train workers to develop the skills required to succeed in (1) local industries and occupations that are expected to experience high growth and (2) industries where demand for qualified workers is outstripping the supply.

Training activities must (a) occur within the context of a continuum of education and training that supports long-term career growth and (b) result in college credit or other credentials that are industry-recognized and indicate a level of mastery and competence in a given field or function. Proposed capacity building strategies are expected to address significant barriers that impede the ability of the community college to meet local industry demand for workforce training.

Efforts will be made to distribute grants across rural and urban areas and across different geographic regions of the United States. It is anticipated that individual awards will range in amounts from \$500,000 to \$2 million. A second solicitation is anticipated for fall/winter 2005.

The solicitation provides the background information and describes the application submission requirement, outlines the process that eligible entities must use to apply for funds covered by the solicitation, and details how grantees will be selected.

4. Action. Addressees are to ensure that a copy of this Instruction is distributed to the appropriate staff.
5. Expiration Date. July 8, 2005.
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