for which applications will be accepted for funding, how grantees are to be selected, and the responsibilities of grantees. It is anticipated that up to \$2 million will be available for funding 8–10 demonstration projects covered by this solicitation with no project being awarded more than \$400,000.

DATES: Applications for grant awards will be accepted commencing June 20, 1995. The closing date for receipt of applications will be August 26, 1995, at 2:00 p.m. (Eastern Time) at the address below.

ADDRESSES: Applications shall be mailed to: Division of Acquisition and Assistance, Attention: Mr. Willie E. Harris, Reference: SGA/DAA 95–006, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room S–4203, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: *Mr. Willie E. Harris*, Division of Acquisition and Assistance, Telephone: (202) 219–7300 (this is not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: This announcement consists of five parts. Part I describes the authorities and purpose of the demonstration program and identifies demonstration evaluation and oversight policy. Part II describes the application process and provides detailed guidelines for use in applying for demonstration grants. Part III includes the statement of work for the demonstration projects. Part IV identifies and defines the selection criteria which will be used in reviewing and evaluating applications. Part V describes the reporting requirements.

Part I. Background

A. Authorities

Section 324 of the Job Training Partnership Act authorizes the use of funds reserved under Part B of Title III for demonstration programs of up to three years in length. Under section 324, the Secretary is required to conduct or provide for an evaluation of the success of each demonstration program.

The Department relies on applicants for grants to comply with all Federal and State laws in setting up their programs. For example, we expect that grantees will comply with requirements for licensing and that they would obtain necessary union concurrence when working within a labor agreement.

B. Purpose of the Demonstration

As authorized under Title III of JTPA, the Dislocated Worker Program provides a wide range of employment and training services to eligible dislocated workers to help them find and qualify

for new jobs. While the overall population served by the program has received significant assistance, program experience indicates that a need for specialized services exists among those who face particular barriers to employment. Projects funded through this solicitation are to provide reemployment and retraining services as described in Sections 314(c) and 314(d) of JTPA-to dislocated workers who as members of a specific target population may need and benefit from the receipt of specialized services. Participants must be eligible under Section 301(a) of JTPA and be members of the target population for which the project is designed. For purposes of this demonstration, appropriate target populations include those groups: (1) Who have experienced greater adverse labor market outcomes, and/or (2) who need more or specialized employment and training services, relative to the general dislocated worker population served by JTPA in the local area(s) of proposed demonstration project activity. Possible target populations could include dislocated workers, veterans, handicapped workers, limited-English speaking workers, displaced homemakers, or others with a documented record of labor market outcomes or service needs as noted above.

The purpose of this demonstration is to identify and test the services and service mix necessary to ensure that the following demonstration program goals are met for the target population: (1) At least 70 percent of project participants will find employment within 90 days after leaving the project at an average wage of at least 90 percent of their previous wage (or for those who had no previous wage, an average wage at least equivalent to the poverty level); and (2) at least 70 percent of the project participants will rate the services received as "extremely" or "very valuable.'

C. Evaluation

Under a separate announcement, DOL will select and fund separate evaluation contractors to: (1) Provide technical assistance to grantees in establishing appropriate data collection methods and processes; and (2) conduct an independent evaluation of the outcomes, impacts and benefits of the demonstration projects, Grantees will be expected to make available participant records and access to personnel, as specified by the evaluation contractor.

In addition, DOL will establish, for each demonstration project site, and oversight group made up of federal, State and substate staff.

D. Definitions

Unless otherwise indicated in this announcement, definitions of terms used herein shall be those definitions found in the Job Training Partnership Act, as amended, particularly at Section 4 and Section 301.

Part II. Application Process—All Information Required to Submit a Proposal is Contained in This Announcement

A. Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants for demonstration projects funded under this announcement include States, Title III substate grantees, and other organizations and institutions that can demonstrate the ability to deliver the services proposed and to ensure the integrity of the funds requested.

B. Contents

An original and three (3) copies of the proposal shall be submitted. The proposal shall consist of two (2) separate and distinct parts—Part I, the Financial Proposal, and Part II, the Technical Proposal.

1. Financial Proposal—The Financial Proposal, Part I, shall contain the SF-424, "Application for Federal Assistance" (Appendix No. 1), and SF 424-A, "Budget" (Appendix No. 2). The Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog number is 17.246. The budget shall include on separate pages: a cost analysis of the budget, identifying in detail the amount of each budget line item attributable to administrative costs and costs for one or more of the following categories: basic readjustment services [Section 314(c)(1-14, 16-18) of JTPA], supportive services [Section 314(c)(15)], and retraining services [Section 314(d)] requested through this grant [Note: Other Title III cost categories not mentioned are specifically excluded from grant expenditures, e.g. rapid response assistance and needs-related payments]; an identification of the amount of each budget line item which will be covered by other funds (if applicable), and the sources of those funds (including other Title III funds, employer funds, in-kind resources, secured and unsecured loans, grants, and other forms of assistance, public and private); and a justification for the average cost of service per placement. This is to be computed by dividing the number of proposed participants of the target population who will be employed within 90 days after leaving the project into the total funds requested, and is to be compared to existing local dislocated worker program costs.