

address the selection criteria identified in Part IV.

A. Target Population

Describe the dislocated worker target population, including the size, location, and the documented needs of this population for specialized services related to the population's labor market outcomes and/or the availability of JTPA services in the local area(s) to be served (as indicated in Part I.B.); the barriers to employment faced by the target population; the number of target population members to be served by specifically identified local area; and the criteria and process for selecting those individuals to be served from among the total number of eligible persons in each area.

B. Components of the Specialized/ Targeted Dislocated Worker Service Demonstration

Describe the major elements of the specialized/targeted dislocated worker services demonstration project, including how the project works in terms of the individual worker getting access to the reemployment and retraining services which the individual needs. Specifically:

- What specialized and other services will be covered by the reemployment and retraining program? Describe mechanisms to ensure appropriate outreach and recruitment? Explain how these services are relevant to the target population to be served? [Note: Such services must be authorized under Sections 314(c) and 314(d) of JTPA and comply with applicable federal regulations at 20 CFR 627 and 631.]

- How will the reemployment and retraining service needs of the individual worker be determined? What will be the sequence of services provided and the criteria/decision points used to determine the appropriateness of specific services for individual participants? [Note: Include in the description of service sequence a flowchart and timelines.]

- How will qualified providers of reemployment and retraining services be determined?

- Will workers be given the choice of optional providers of services? If so, how will these options be developed, and how will the worker be able to access this information?

- How will the amount of funds to be used for an individual's training be determined?

- How will a participant's continuing participation in the program be monitored? At what point(s) will termination occur?

- How will new job openings and opportunities for the project participants be identified and developed including opportunities for jobs in nontraditional occupations?

- What information will be available to the worker to identify and evaluate alternative employment opportunities? How will this information be developed? How will the worker be able to access this information?

C. Administration and Management

Identify the management structure for the project and demonstrate the means to ensure accountability for funds as well as performance.

Provide a description of the process and procedures to be used to obtain feedback from participants and other appropriate parties on the responsiveness and effectiveness of the services provided. The description should include an identification of the types of information to be obtained, the method(s) and frequency of data collection, and how the information will be used in implementing and managing the project. Specific references should be made to collecting information needed to determine: (1) The achievement of project outcomes as indicated in section F (including 90 day follow-ups of participants to determine demonstration program goal achievement) and (2) the reporting of participants, outcomes, and expenditures. It is expected that grantees may employ focus groups and surveys, in addition to other methods, to collect feedback information.

Indicate the applicant's past experience in the management of projects similar to that being proposed, particularly regarding oversight and operating functions including financial management.

D. Use of Existing Services and Resources

A description of the relationship of the proposed project to the ongoing assistance to dislocated workers through the formula-funded JTPA Title III program in the service area and other existing public and private resources. This description must include written comments from the local Title III substate grantee regarding those procedures to be used to ensure non-duplication of services that are available to project participants through the formula-funded Title III program.

E. Coordinated and Linkages

Describe the consultation with relevant parties in developing the project design and the role of these parties in implementing the project.

Suggested consultation shall include: State JTPA Dislocated Worker Unit, Substate Title III grantee(s) and administrative entity(ies), and local organizations in the project service area(s) providing education, training and supportive services.

F. Outcomes

Identify project outcomes and the specific measures, and planned achievement levels, that will be used to determine the success of the project.

These outcomes and measures should include, but are not limited to:

- The number of participants to be enrolled in services, those successfully completing services through the project, and those to be placed into new jobs;
- The number of participants not successfully completing their specific service plans, and the reasons for the non-completion;
- Measurable effects of the services provided to project participants as indicated by gains in individuals' skills, competencies, or other outcomes;
- Average wages of participants prior to and at completion of project;
- Customer satisfaction with the project, and at critical points in the service delivery; and
- Other additional measurable, performance-based outcomes that are relevant to the proposed intervention and which may be readily assessed during the period of performance of the project.

Note: An explanation of how such additional measures are relevant to the purpose of the demonstration program shall be included in the application.

The proposal must also describe how outcomes achieved by individuals served by the project are to be related to the demonstration program goals identified in Part I, section B.

G. Replicability

Describe the information to be provided on project activities that will allow other parties to replicate the proposed project.

Part IV. Evaluation Criteria

Prospective offerors are advised that the selection of grantee(s) for award is to be made after careful evaluation of proposals by a panel selected by DOL. Panelists will evaluate the proposals for acceptability based on the various factors enumerated below. The panel results are advisory in nature and not binding on the Grant Officer.

A. Technical Evaluation (80 Points)

Services and Target Group. (35 points) The responsiveness of the services to be provided, including the