

will receive technical assistance from CET toward the development and implementation of programs using the CET Job Training Model for use within the JTPA system in their communities. An additional 16 service providers may receive technical assistance pending funding availability.

Selected organizations would enter into agreement with the Center for Employment Training to receive the technical assistance required for the development and start-up of the local CET Job Training Model program. This is a non-monetary award to selected sites.

A series of information seminars will be held at CET's headquarters in San Jose, California. Interested parties should contact CET to find out the dates of upcoming information seminars. Alternative arrangements can be made to schedule a seminar or visit suitable to an organization's own time frame. To be considered for receipt of technical assistance, an eligible organization must: (1) Attend an information seminar and (2) submit a complete application to DOL, see below.

TO ARRANGE ATTENDANCE AT AN INFORMATION SEMINAR: Arrangements to attend an information seminar shall be made through Max Martinez, CET Replication Project Training Director, Center for Employment Training, 701 Vine Street, San Jose, CA 95110. The telephone number is (408) 287-7924. That is not a toll-free number.

APPLICATION DATES: Applications will be accepted and reviewed on an open submission basis. Applications that meet program standards and eligibility criteria will be accepted on a first come basis. Consequently, it is in the interest of organizations to submit proposals on a timely basis. To allow time for applicants to attend an information seminar, applications will be accepted with postmarks starting August 1. Once 8 acceptable applications have been received, other acceptable applications may be placed on a waiting list for future technical assistance pending additional federal funding.

APPLICATION ADDRESS: Applications for this technical assistance award shall be mailed by certified mail, return receipt requested, to Janice Perry, Grant Officer, Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room S-4203, Washington, DC 20210. The telephone number is (202) 219-8702. This is not a toll free number.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lisa Stuart, Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room N-4666, Washington, DC 20210. The

telephone number is (202) 219-6825. This is not a toll-free number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Center for Employment Training offers a unique program which challenges standard notions of training the disadvantaged. It provides a holistic approach to train the hard-to-serve through an integrated program of practical hands-on job skills training and in-context remediation including English-as-a-Second Language. CET focuses on technical skills training, but integrates basic education and related services in context with this core training. This method of learning was endorsed by the Secretary of Labor's Commission on Achieving Necessary Skills (SCANS). CET's program is unique in that it is accessible to all, with no entry tests or screening out hard-to-serve clients. This represents the direction of the 1992 JTPA amendments, which stress targeting of services to those most in need and intensifying and improving the quality of services offered. The CET design, as implemented through this replication, will reflect key provisions of the new JTPA program design such as targeting the hard-to-serve, comprehensive one-stop services, integration of training and remediation, and focus on quality jobs enabling self-sufficiency.

CET is widely recognized as one of the most effective job training programs in the country. CET's program serving minority single mothers was the only program to have a significant long-term impact in a comprehensive study, the Minority Female Single Parent Demonstration, funded by the Rockefeller Foundation and conducted by Mathematica Policy Research. Additionally, recent research on dropout youth, known as the JOBSTART study, conducted by the Manpower Demonstration Research Corporation (MDRC), found that CET was the only program, of thirteen studied, that achieved significant impacts. These studies provide significant evidence of the effectiveness of CET's program model.

Technical Assistance

Technical assistance will be provided for up to 24 sites to replicate the CET Job Training Model. This technical assistance award will provide for training and technical assistance for local entities which are selected to operate CET Job Training Model programs. This award to CET is made as a modification to an existing DOL-CET agreement that previously provided for

training and technical assistance for up to 14 sites.

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The technical assistance award includes the provision of local and CET on-site training to enable an organization to start its own CET Job Training Model program. Training would be provided during the period of agreement between CET and the selected site(s). The award covers the cost of services that will be required of CET in providing technical assistance. Start-up costs, including site development and preliminary staffing costs, will be the responsibility of the selected service providers. Operations costs of the selected CET model program also are not included and are expected to come from the organization's regular JTPA, JOBS, and other local, state and foundation funding.

Eligibility

This award is to provide services to the JTPA community. Eligible applicants are limited to service delivery area JTPA administrative entities who run their own training programs, consortiums of service providers, not-for-profit community-based organizations as defined under Section 4 of JTPA and local education organizations. Two types of applications will be accepted:

(1) Applications from JTPA administrative entities, and (2) joint applications with one party being the JTPA administrative entity and the other being an organization listed above. Applications that do not include the local JTPA administrative entity will not be accepted. This process is to ensure that all service providers have coordinated with their JTPA funding stream and that the administrative entity has committed to funding the program the service provider is being trained to operate.

JTPA administrative entities will have the opportunity, if desired, to sub-contract with CET directly to establish a CET administered job training center. This would be done through a sole source arrangement where local procurement processes allow for it.

Information Seminars

The three day information seminars are targeted to JTPA program administrators, community based training organizations, government