

quality of job opportunities for people with disabilities and assist in eliminating barriers by providing specialized training and outreach services, job development, and unsubsidized employment. This notice describes the process that eligible entities must use to apply for demonstration funds, the subject area for which application will be accepted for funding, how grantees are selected, and the responsibilities of grantees. All information required to submit a proposal is contained in this announcement. Compliance with DOL's assurances and certifications, which are described at 29 CFR Parts 33, 34, 93, 95, 96, 98, and in the Employment and Training Assurances Certifications and Special Conditions, will be required prior to the award. This package of assurances and certifications is available upon request at the address listed below.

DATES: Applications for grant awards will be accepted commencing February 2, 1995. The closing date for receipt of proposals will be March 20, 1995 at 2:00 p.m. Eastern time at the address below. It is anticipated that awards will be made by July 1, 1995.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS: Awards under this solicitation will be made to nonprofit organizations that administer training and employment programs on a national (multi-state) level. Therefore, only applications from those organizations meeting the above requirements will be accepted. Individuals are not eligible to apply.

SUBMISSION OF PROPOSAL: An original and three (3) copies of the proposal shall be submitted. The proposal shall consist of two (2) separate and distinct parts.

Section I—*Technical Proposal* shall contain a detailed proposal that demonstrates the offeror's capabilities in accordance with the Statement of Work in Part II. No costs data or reference to costs shall be included in the Technical Proposal.

Section II—*Cost Proposal* shall contain the Standard Form(s) 424, "Application for Federal Assistance", and SGA "Budget" (Appendix A). In addition, the budget shall include on a separate page(s) a detailed cost analysis of each line item in the budget.

LATE PROPOSALS: Any proposal not reaching the designated address, by the specified time and date of delivery will not be considered, unless mailed and post marked five (5) days prior to the closing date. The term "postmark" means a printed, stamped or otherwise placed impression (exclusive of postage meter machine impression) that is

readily identifiable without further action as having been supplied or affixed on the date of mailing by employees of the U.S. Postal Service.

HAND DELIVERED PROPOSALS: The proposal should be mailed five (5) days prior to the closing date. However, hand delivered proposals must be received by 2:00 P.M., Eastern Time, March 20, 1995 at the address noted in this solicitation. Telegraphed and/or facsimile proposals *will not be honored*. Failure to adhere to above instruction will be a basis for a *determination of non-responsiveness*.

PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE: The period of performance will be 12 months from the date of grant execution.

OPTION TO EXTEND: Based on the availability of funds, effective program operation and the needs of the Department, grant(s) may be extended for up to three additional years.

DEFINITIONS: The term "individual with a disability" means any individual who has a physical or mental disability which for such individual constitutes or results in a substantial handicap to employment [JTPA, section 4(10)(A)]. The term "placement" shall mean entered into unsubsidized employment.

ADJUSTMENT OF FUNDING REQUEST: The Department of Labor reserves the right to award a project at level which is different than the proposal.

ADDRESSES: Application shall be mailed to: U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Division of Acquisition and Assistance, Attention: Mr. David Houston, Reference: SGA/DAA 94-22, 2000 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room S-4203, Washington, DC 20210.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. David Houston, Division of Acquisition and Assistance, Telephone: (202) 219-8702 (This is not a toll-free number).

Part I. Background

Over the past 15 years, ETA has awarded grants to organizations that provided employment and training and related services to people with disabilities. Currently nine programs are funded to serve people with disabilities. Authorization for these programs comes from JTPA Title IV, section 451(c)(3) in language that established "programs which require technical expertise at the national level and which serve specialized needs of particular client groups, * * *" People with a disability are identified as one such group.

In accordance with the designation of people with disabilities as one of the client groups requiring special assistance, ETA has supported the nine

ongoing programs because they provide customized training and outreach services, job development, and job placement assistance through national organizations having special expertise in addressing the problems of those who are disabled. The ongoing national program are linked to local rehabilitation agencies and employer organizations. In addition, these programs relate to each of the major disabled conditions which constitute barriers to labor market participation such as blindness, hearing, physical impairments. The nine ongoing programs are:

A. *Goodwill Industries of America*—This project provides multi-occupational in-house training and jobs, to physically and emotionally disabled, mentally retarded, deaf, blind people, as well as other people with disabilities.

B. *America Rehabilitation Association*—This project provides on-the-job training and job placement in rehabilitation facilities to people with disabilities.

C. *Epilepsy Foundation of America*—This project provides a national outreach screening and pre-employment evaluation, support service, job-seeking skills training, job search assistance and job placement tailored to the special needs of the underemployed.

D. *Electronic Industries Foundation*—This project provides a national outreach, pre-employment counseling and job placement program and fosters new employment opportunities for people with disabilities, providing a centralized job referral service with the electronic and other industries and rehabilitation agencies.

E. *Mainstream, Inc.*—This project conducts promotional activities to encourage employers to hire people with disabilities and to provide information on workplace accommodations. It recruits and places people with disabilities through a variety of services and a computerized job bank system.

F. *Association for Retarded Citizen (The ARC)*—This project provides on-the-job training in a variety of occupations for people with mental retardation through subgrants with public and private employers.

G. *National Federation of the Blind*—This project provides an applicant registry, job announcements, counseling, job referrals and employer education seminars, and operates a job bank to promote the interests of the blind and place them in employment opportunities.

H. *International Association of Machinists*—This project provides training, supportive service and job