

Total Burden Hours: 1,234,797.
Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): 0.
Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining): 0.

Description: The Needlestick Safety and Prevention Act (NSPA) directs OSHA to amend the Bloodborne Pathogens standard to require that employers update their exposure control plans to reflect how employers implement new developments in control technology; solicit input from employees responsible for direct patient care in the identification, evaluation, and the selection of engineering and work practice controls; and, for certain employers, to establish and maintain a log of percutaneous injuries from contaminated sharps.

Ira L. Mills,

Departmental Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Notice of a Change in Status of an Extended Benefit (EB) Period for Alaska

SUMMARY: This notice announces a change in benefit period eligibility under the EB Program for Alaska. The following change has occurred since the publication of the last notice regarding the State's EB status:

- March 4, 2001. Alaska triggered "on" EB. Alaska's 13-week insured unemployed rate for the week ending February 17, 2001, rose above the 6.0 percent threshold necessary to be triggered "on" to EB effective for the week beginning March 4, 2001.

Information for Claimants

The duration of benefits payable in the EB Program, and the terms and conditions on which they are payable, are governed by the Federal-State Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 1970, as amended, and the operating instructions issued to the States by the U.S. Department of Labor. In the case of a State beginning an EB period, the State employment security agency will furnish a written notice of potential entitlement to each individual who has exhausted all rights to regular benefits and is potentially eligible for EB (20 CFR 615.13(c)(1)).

Persons who believe they may be entitled to EB, or who wish to inquire about their rights under the program, should contact the nearest State employment service office or

unemployment compensation claims office in their locality.

Signed at Washington, DC, on March 30, 2001.

Raymond Uhalde,

Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Employment and Training.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Grants for Implementing Disability Information Technology (IT) Initiative

AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration (ETA), Labor.

ACTION: Notice of availability of funds and solicitation for grant applications (SGA).

This Notice Contains All of the Necessary Information and Forms Needed to Apply for Grant Funding.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration (DOL/ETA) announces the availability of approximately \$2.8 million in competitive grant funds for information technology skills training for people with disabilities.

DATES: Applicants will be accepted commencing on the date of publication. The closing date for receipt of applications under this announcement is Tuesday, May 15, 2001 at 4 pm Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) at the address below.

ADDRESSES: Applications shall be mailed to the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Division of Federal Assistance, Attention: B. Jai Johnson, SGA/DFA 01-107, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room S-4203, Washington, DC. 20210. Applications that do not meet the conditions set forth in this notice will not be honored. Telefacsimile (FAX) applications will not be honored.

Hand Delivered Proposals. It is preferred that applications be mailed at least five days before the closing date (see "Late Proposals" section below). To be considered for funding, hand delivered proposals must be received at the address identified above by 4 p.m. (Eastern Daylight Time) Tuesday, May 15, 2001. All overnight express mail will be considered to be hand delivered and must be received at the designated place by the specified time on the closing date. Grant applications transmitted by electronic mail, telegraph or facsimile will not be considered.

Failure to adhere to the above instructions will be a basis for a determination of non responsiveness.

Late Proposals. Any application received after the exact date and time specified for receipt at the office designated in this notice will not be considered, unless it is received before awards are made and it—

- Was sent by U.S. Postal Service registered or certified mail not later than the fifth calendar day before the date specified for receipt of applications (e.g., an application submitted in response to a solicitation requiring receipt of applications by the 20th of the month must have been mailed/post marked by the 15th of that month); or

- Was sent by the U.S. Postal Service Express Mail Next Day Service, Post Office to Addressee, not later than 5:00 p.m. at the place of mailing two working days prior to the deadline date specified for receipt of applications in this SGA. The term "working days" excludes weekends and Federal holidays.

The only acceptable evidence to establish the date of mailing of an application received after the deadline date for the receipt of proposals sent by the U.S. Postal Service and on the original receipt from the U.S. Postal Service. The term "Post marked" means a printed, stamped or otherwise placed impression (exclusive of a postage meter machine impression) that is readily identifiable, without further action, as having been supplied or affixed on the date of mailing by an employee of the U.S. Postal Service.

Withdrawal of Applications.

Applications may be withdrawn by written notice or telegram (including mail gram) received at any time before an award is made. Applications may be withdrawn in person by the applicant or by an authorized representative thereof, if the representative's identity is made known and the representative signs a receipt for the proposal.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions should be faxed to B. Jai Johnson at (202) 693-2879 (this is not a toll-free number). All inquiries should include the SGA number 01-107, and a contact name, fax, and telephone numbers. This solicitation is also being published on the Internet at ETA's home page at <http://www.doleta.gov> and at ETA's disAbility Online website at <http://www.wdsc.org/disability> (click on "Grantee Communication" to access these forms). Award notifications will also be published on both the ETA home page and the disAbility Online website.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION