

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**Employment and Training
Administration****Advancing Registered Apprenticeship
into the 21st Century: Collaborating for
Success; Solicitation for Grant
Applications (SGA) SGA-DFA-PY-08-
11; Amendment Number 1**

AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration (ETA), U.S. Department of Labor.

ACTION: Notice: Amendments, Extension of period to submit applications, and announcement of Prospective Applicant Conference Webinar.

SUMMARY: The Employment and Training Administration published a document in the **Federal Register** of January 15, 2009, announcing the availability of funds and solicitation for grant applications for the Advancing Registered Apprenticeship into the 21st Century: Collaborating for Success initiative. This amendment will make changes to the January 15 document by clarifying and correcting this Solicitation.

Key Dates: The deadline for submission of applications under this announcement has been extended to March 31, 2009. A Webinar for prospective applicants will be held for this grant application on March 4, 2009. Access information for the Webinar will be posted on the U.S. Department of Labor's (DOL), Employment and Training Administration (ETA) Web site at: <http://www.workforce3one.org>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mamie Williams, Grants Management Specialist, Telephone (202) 693-3341.

Amendment

In the **Federal Register** of January 15, 2009, in FR Volume 74, No. 10, the solicitation is amended with the following:

1. This amendment is to announce a Prospective Applicant Webinar. On Page 2621, *Key Dates*, delete the following text: The closing date for receipt of applications under this announcement is 60 days from the date of publication in the **Federal Register**. Add the following text: The closing date for receipt of applications under this announcement is March 31, 2008. A Webinar for prospective applicants will be held for this grant application on March 4, 2009. Access information for the Webinar will be posted on the U.S. Department of Labor's (DOL), Employment and Training Administration (ETA) Web site at: <http://www.workforce3one.org>.

2. This amendment is to correct language related to the number of Parts this Solicitation for Grant Applications contains. On Page 2621, under the Supplementary Information section, in the last sentence of the third full paragraph, delete the following text: This announcement consists of seven parts. Add the following text: This announcement consists of eight parts.

3. This amendment is to add additional language to the first of seven components (different than the Parts mentioned above), for which a grant application must address at least four that must be incorporated into a grant application to be considered for an award. On Page 2621, under the Summary information, in the first of the seven components, delete the following text: Continued expansion into fast growing and/or new and emerging industries (including construction). Add the following text: Continued expansion into fast growing and/or new and emerging industries (including construction, and industries related to green technologies and skills).

4. This amendment is to add additional language to the sixth of the seven components, for which a grant application must address at least four, that must be incorporated into a grant application to be considered for an award. On Page 2621, under the Summary information, in the sixth of the seven components, delete the following text: Innovative strategies to serve under-represented populations, particularly youth and women, to meet the talent development needs of regional economies through Registered Apprenticeship. Add the following text: Innovative strategies; including but not limited to pre-apprenticeship activities, to serve under-represented populations, particularly youth and women, to meet the talent development needs of regional economies through Registered Apprenticeship.

5. On Page 2621, in the first sentence of the last full paragraph under Summary information, delete the following text: ETA recognizes that the use of these approaches will offer apprentices greater opportunities to increase their knowledge and attain the skills that emerging and high growth industries demand. Add the following text: ETA recognizes that the use of these approaches will offer apprentices greater opportunities to increase their knowledge and attain the skills that emerging and high-growth industries demand, including construction and industries related to green technologies and skills.

6. On Page 2622, Part I, the Funding Opportunity Description, *Background*

section, first paragraph, sentence five, delete the following text: While this model is successful and preferred in certain industries, increasingly, new and high-growth industries are establishing competency-based and hybrid (competency and time-based) apprenticeship strategies that focus on the mastery of key skills and allow motivated workers to progress at their own pace. Add the following text: While this model is successful and preferred in certain industries, increasingly, new and high-growth industries, including construction and industries related to green technologies and skills, are establishing competency-based and hybrid (competency and time-based) apprenticeship strategies that focus on the mastery of key skills and allow motivated workers to progress at their own pace.

7. On Page 2622, Part I, the Funding Opportunity Description, *Background* section, in sentence three of the second full paragraph, delete the following text: Many Apprenticeship programs—particularly in high-growth industries such as health care, advanced manufacturing, and transportation—now also offer interim credentials and training certificates based on a competency model that leads to a Certificate of Completion. Add the following text: Many apprenticeship programs—particularly in high-growth industries such as energy, health care, advanced manufacturing, and transportation—are developing and implementing training strategies that offer interim credentials and training certificates based on a competency model that leads to a Certificate of Completion.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 6th day of February 2009.

Chari A. Magruder,

Grant Officer, Employment & Training Administration.

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**NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE
ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES****National Endowment for the Arts;
Proposed Collection; Comments
Request**

SUMMARY: The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in

accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) [44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(A)]. This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently, the NEA is soliciting comments concerning the proposed information collection of: National Endowment for the Arts Panelist Profile Form. A copy of the current information collection request can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the address section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the address section below within 60 days from the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**. The NEA is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond.

ADDRESSES: Kathy Plowitz-Worden, National Endowment for the Arts, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Room 620, Washington, DC 20506-0001, telephone (202) 682-5691 (this is not a toll-free number), fax (202) 682-5049.

Dated: February 12, 2009.

Kathy Plowitz-Worden,

Panel Coordinator, National Endowment for the Arts.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Proposal Review; Notice of Meetings

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation (NSF) announces its intent to hold proposal review meetings throughout the year. The purpose of these meetings is to provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals

submitted to the NSF for financial support. The agenda for each of these meetings is to review and evaluate proposals as part of the selection process for awards. The review and evaluation may also include assessment of the progress of awarded proposals. The majority of these meetings will take place at NSF, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, Virginia 22230.

These meetings will be closed to the public. The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries; and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act. NSF will continue to review the agenda and merits of each meeting for overall compliance of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

These closed proposal review meetings will not be announced on an individual basis in the **Federal Register**. NSF intends to publish a notice similar to this on a quarterly basis. For an advance listings of the closed proposal review meetings that includes the names of the proposal review panel and the time, date, place, and any information on changes, corrections, or cancellations, please visit the NSF Web site: <http://www.nsf.gov/events/advisory.jsp>. This information may also be requested by telephoning 703/292-8180.

Dated: February 12, 2009.

Susanne Bolton,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

National Science Board; Sunshine Act Meetings; Notice

The National Science Board, pursuant to NSF regulations (45 CFR Part 614), the National Science Foundation Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1862n-5), and the Government in the Sunshine Act (5 U.S.C. 552b), hereby gives notice in regard to the scheduling of meetings for the transaction of National Science Board business and other matters specified, as follows:

AGENCY HOLDING MEETING: National Science Board.

DATE AND TIME: Monday, February 23, 2009, at 8 a.m.; and Tuesday, February 24, 2009 at 8 a.m.

PLACE: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Room 1235,

Arlington, VA 22230. All visitors must report to the NSF visitor desk at the 9th and N. Stuart Streets entrance to receive a visitor's badge.

STATUS: Some portions open, some portions closed

Open Sessions

February 23, 2009

8 a.m.–8:05 a.m.
8:05 a.m.–10:30 a.m.
10:45 a.m.–12:15 p.m.
1:15 p.m.–2:15 p.m.

February 24, 2009

8 a.m.–9:30 a.m.
9:30 a.m.–10 a.m.
10:15 a.m.–10:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m.
2 p.m.–3:30 p.m.

Closed Sessions

February 23, 2009

2:15 p.m.–4 p.m.
4:15 p.m.–5:30 p.m.

February 24, 2009

11:30 a.m.–12 p.m.
1:30 p.m.–1:40 p.m.
1:40 p.m.–2 p.m.

AGENCY CONTACT: Dr. Robert E. Webber, rwebber@nsf.gov, (703) 292-7000, <http://www.nsf.gov/nsb/>.

Matters To Be Discussed

Monday, February 23, 2009

Open Session: 8 a.m.–8:05 a.m.

- Chairman's Introduction

Committee on Programs and Plans (CPP)

Open Session: 8:05 a.m.–10:30 a.m.

- Approval of December 2008 CPP Minutes
- Committee Chairman's Remarks
- CPP Subcommittee on Polar Issues (SOPI)
 - SOPI Chairman's Remarks
 - Director's Report—Office of Polar Programs (OPP)
 - International Polar Year (IPY) Outreach and Education Highlights
 - Presidential Directive on Arctic Region Policy (NSPD-66/HSPD-25): Promoting International Scientific Cooperation
- Task Force on Sustainable Energy (SE)
 - Task Force Co-Chairmen's Remarks
 - Discussion of Task Force Draft Report
- *NSB Information Item:* Update on iPlant
- *NSB Information Item:* Update on Planning for Coherent Light Source Development
- *NSB Information Item:* Track 2D (High Performance Computing