

Trade & Economic Transition DWG



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Grantee



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Targeted Populations



Dislocated Workers

Funding Announcement

[Training & Employment Guidance Letter \(TEGL\) No. 2-18](#)

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Trade and Economic Transition National Dislocated Worker Grants (DWG), with funding of up to \$100 million for each award, \$8 million for each individual award. This grant will enable successful applicants to address ongoing or emerging workforce and economic challenges by providing training and career services to dislocated workers seeking reentry into the workforce, and increasing their skill levels to become competitive for growing or high-demand employment opportunities.



Planned Participants Served

1200



Total Award Amount

\$8,000,000



Economic Transition Factors

By 2016, oil rig counts had dropped by 70% and the Mining industry accounted for only 10.2% of GDP. Worker layoffs occurred in these industries as oil demand decreased and prices slumped. Before the 2015 – 2016 contraction, there were 64,400 jobs. The low point was 42,600 jobs in August – September 2016 with the current employment being at 54, 500 jobs in July of 2018. We have 9,900 fewer jobs in the industry than we had before the last oil and gas downturn. In addition, 22% of the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) certified petitions since 2015 have been oil and gas companies resulting in almost 800 participants receiving services from OESC.



Proposal Summary

OESC currently uses intensive reemployment focused services such as career planning, reemployment plans, and with its Reemployment Services and Eligibility Assessment (RESEA) claimants. The state will employ similar pre-employment services with the DWG participants. OESC will offer work-based learning opportunities, On-the-Job-Training (OJT), and classroom training. Prior to training, participants will be assessed to identify barriers to employment and determine a career goal.



Sectors of Focus

- Aerospace/Defense
- Agriculture/Biosciences
- Transportation/Distribution
- Information/Finance



Proposed Outcome

Aligning and connecting the education and training pipeline with the needs of the state's regional economies, Integrating and using workforce and economic development data to inform policy, track progress and measure success, building partnerships between local industry and education at the regional level and optimizing the use of resources and incentives.



Project Service Area

Period of Award: September 2018-September 2020