

Trade & Economic Transition DWG

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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**
 230

 **Total Award Amount**
 \$8,000,000



Project Service Area
 Period of Award: September 2018-September 2020


Economic Transition Factors

In July 2018, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania recorded nearly 61,000 initial unemployment insurance claims across all sectors. While dominated by claims in construction and manufacturing, almost 6,000 claims were from leisure and hospitality and another 11,000 were from job losses in trade, transportation, and utilities, or TTU. These sectors traditionally employ a greater percentage of entry level workers over other affected sectors; therefore, dislocated workers from these sectors face greater barriers to reentering the workplace. These job losses place great strains on public services and undercut economic gains

 **Proposal Summary**

Pennsylvania is going to focus on placing grant participants into occupations that transcend sectors, as opposed to transitioning individuals into specific sectors. The occupations for which an individual will be trained often benefit multiple sectors. This allows individuals to have the greatest opportunity for employment without limiting them to a specific industry sector.

 **Sectors of Focus**

- Advanced Manufacturing
- Business and Information
- Technology
- Transportation and Logistics

 **Proposed Outcome**

Pennsylvania intends to align individuals' skillsets with existing opportunities as reported by employers. Where limited opportunities exist, we will examine each individual's skill and training gaps and pursue the relevant education and training pathway to close or eliminate deficiencies.