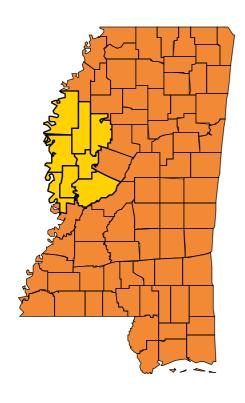
National Dislocated Worker Grants

WORKFORCE OPPORTUNITY FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES (WORC IV)

<u>Appalachian Regional Commission and Delta Regional Authority (ARC - DRA)</u> <u>Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA-ETA-22-13)</u>



Areas to be Served: Bolivar, Humphreys, Issaquena, Leflore, Sharkey, Sunflower and Washington counties

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Delta Aviation Project

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The goal of the WORC grants is to create economic prosperity and gainful employment opportunities for eligible residents in impacted ARC and DRA regions, enabling them to remain and thrive in these communities.

The counties of the Delta are heavily populated by historically underserved communities of color, and suffer from high unemployment, low educational attainment, and extremely high rates of poverty as compared to state and national averages. Recent regional developments in the aerospace sector speak to a brighter future for the Delta, and provide the backdrop for the Delta Aviation Project (DAP), which will create economic mobility, address historic inequities for Delta citizens, and produce family-sustaining employment that will allow participants to both remain and thrive in the area. This DRA-situated project will capitalize on existing infrastructure at the Mid-Delta Airport in Greenville, MS (Washington Co.), a former Air Force base featuring two runways in excess of 7,000 feet in length, as well as four large aircraft hangars. Participants will benefit from classroom and hands-on training conducted by a mixture of community colleges as aerospace employers. DAP stands to make a tremendous impact upon the underserved populations of seven Delta counties.



