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**TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT GUIDANCE LETTER NO. 23-03**

**TO:** ALL STATE WORKFORCE AGENCIES  
ALL WIA STATE WORKFORCE LIAISONS

**FROM:** EMILY STOVER DeROCCO  
Assistant Secretary 

**SUBJECT:** Demonstration Grant to the National Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Foundation to Provide Career Assistance to Spouses of Fallen Law Enforcement Officers

1. **Purpose.** To announce the opportunity for state and local workforce investment systems to collaborate with a new four-year demonstration grant that provides funding of \$2 million for the Steve Young Memorial Scholarship Program for spouses of fallen sworn law enforcement officers. The Steve Young Memorial Scholarship Program is administered by the National Fraternal Order of Police Foundation (hereafter referred to as the FOP), and provides up to \$15,000 for job training and other services to spouses of fallen sworn law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty from January 2001 through December 2006. The funds made available under the Department of Labor (DOL) grant will complement scholarship funds that are currently available to eligible spouses through the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, Public Safety Officers' Educational Assistance (PSOEA) Program and the U.S. Department of Education, as well as state and local scholarship and grant programs specifically available to spouses of fallen sworn law enforcement officers.

2. **References.**

The Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, PSOEA Program (<http://www.ncjrs.org.pdf/files1/bja/fs000270.pdf>)

3. **Background.** President George W. Bush and Labor Secretary Elaine L. Chao are committing federal resources to assist spouses of fallen sworn law enforcement officers in their time of need. The current benefits available to families are often consumed by basic needs and are frequently not sufficient to support, or fully support, the costs of higher education such as certification programs, degree programs or technical training programs. For many families, however, access to education and training is instrumental in their ability to obtain career skills needed to move forward in the aftermath of a line-of-duty tragedy. This grant program recognizes the role to be played at all levels in assuring that communities provide tangible and realistic support to spouses of those who serve every day to protect the American right to life, liberty and property. DOL awarded the FOP up to \$500,000 per program year for four years, to administer the Steve Young Memorial Scholarship

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Program. The state and local workforce systems, in collaboration with the FOP lodges, will provide access to a comprehensive array of employment and training services, customized to the extent possible, to meet the needs of spouses of fallen sworn law enforcement officers at a time when they most need services to assist them in adjusting to a new role as head of household and primary wage earner for the family.

State and local workforce investment systems are encouraged to take full advantage of the opportunities offered by the Steve Young Memorial Scholarship Program. The demonstration grant provides for a maximum amount of grant funds per person for training, training-related expenses and supportive services. There is no initial limitation placed on the duration of the training assistance of an individual spouse beyond that imposed by the June 30, 2007, expiration date of the grant. However, as with all Federal grants, the costs incurred by the grantee must be determined to be necessary and reasonable in accordance with applicable Federal procurement rules. The FOP, after the experience of one year of grant operations and for each year following, may review scholarship limits and any changes made will apply to new spouses entering the grant program.

4. **Responsibilities.** The local FOP will contact the appropriate local One-Stop Career Center when a potentially eligible spouse has been identified. The local One-Stop Career Centers may wish to assign a particular caseworker as the liaison with the local FOP chapter in advance of any referrals so that there is a staff member who is familiar with the needs of these spouses and their particular situations. The FOP will reimburse the local workforce investment area for the costs of the One-Stop Center's assistance. A memorandum of understanding (MOU) will be developed between the One-Stop Career Centers and the National FOP. A prototype MOU was developed by ETA (copy attached). The MOU includes referral and administrative arrangements as outlined in the attachment to the TEGL.

5. **Action Required.** State and local workforce investment boards and agencies must ensure that local One-Stop Career Center operators and service providers are aware of this scholarship program and are fully prepared to provide the comprehensive services intended.

6. **Inquiries.** Additional information regarding the program for spouses of fallen sworn law enforcement officers may be obtained from the National FOP at (202) 547-8189. Questions or information concerning the DOL grant may be obtained from your Regional Administrator.

7. **Attachment.** A description of the major points of policy and program design for the Steve Young Memorial Scholarship Program is provided in the attachment.