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Assistant Secretary

SUBJECT: Updated Funding Availability for H-1B Technical Skills Training Grants (SGA/DFA PY 10-13)

- 1. Purpose.** The Department of Labor (Department) is clarifying the amount of grant funding available for the second round of grants that will be awarded under the H-1B Technical Skills Training Grants competition and encouraging applicants to apply by November 17, 2011.
- 2. Background.** On May 3, 2011, the Employment and Training Administration (ETA) published a notice in the Federal Register announcing the availability of \$240 million for the H-1B Technical Skills Training Grants to be awarded through a competitive process in SGA/DFA PY 10-13. This announcement clarifies existing language in Section II.A of the Solicitation for Grant Application (SGA).

The Department is interested in clarifying the amount of grant funding available and encouraging additional applicants to apply for the H-1B Technical Skills Training Grants competition that will close on November 17, 2011. The original SGA indicated \$240 million in grant funds available; however, because of additional H-1B fees collected, ETA is likely to award additional grants in Round 2 to competitive quality applications that provide On-the-Job Training (OJT) as the primary or only training strategy to every participant as described in the SGA in Section I.C.1. The current estimate of additional funds reserved for OJT will be approximately \$100 million.

Relevant SGA language, Section II.A., Award Amount, page five states, "DOL anticipates that additional funding will accrue for this grant training program between the first and second rounds of grants contained in this Solicitation. Such additional funding may be made

available for awards during the second round of funding, depending on the quality of applications received. Grant awards will be made only to the extent that funds are available."

3. **Resources**. Please encourage eligible and interested organizations to review the full announcement, amendment and questions and answers which are available online at: http://www.doleta.gov/grants/find_grants.cfm. A recording of the prospective applicant conference is also available online at: <https://www.workforce3one.org/view/5001112658517330173/info>.
4. **Action Requested**. Please distribute this information electronically to interested organizations in your network immediately and encourage them to review the materials and apply for the SGA by November 17, 2011, if appropriate.
5. **Inquiries**. Please direct all inquiries for additional information to Jeannette Flowers, Grants Management Specialist, Division of Workforce System Federal Assistance by phone at (202) 693-3322 and by email at flowers.jeannette@dol.gov.