WHAT IT DOES

This grant program will invest in public-private partnerships to develop, implement, and scale worker-centered sector strategy training programs in H-1B industries and occupations critical to meeting the goals of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), formally known as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). Applicants will design training programs in infrastructure-related industry sectors that ensure equitable access to good jobs in high-demand occupations that offer above-average pay and benefits for the applicable industry and service area, and opportunities to advance along a career pathway to middle- to high-skilled quality jobs. DOL anticipates funding two separate rounds of grants with this funding opportunity.

THE GOALS OF THE GRANT PROGRAM ARE TO:

1. Train job seekers in advanced manufacturing; information technology; and professional, scientific, and technical services occupations that support renewable energy, transportation, and broadband infrastructure sectors tied to BIL investments.
2. Convene workers, unions and other worker organizations, and employers as industry experts to build committed partnerships with workforce development entities, community-based organizations, and training institutions.
3. Develop training models that include three key principles: ensuring diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility, both through the inclusion of targeted partners that are primarily minority-serving, as well as by prioritizing recruitment, training, and retention of a local workforce that is representative of the local community demographics, in particular historically marginalized, underserved, and underrepresented populations; career pathways that lead to middle- to high-skilled employment; and, approaches for increasing job quality.

WHO IT SERVES (Target Population)

- Unemployed, underemployed, and incumbent workers
- Underserved Communities, including rural areas

WHO CAN APPLY

- National or community-based nonprofit organizations targeting the relevant sectors
- Labor unions, labor-management organizations, and worker organizations
- Workforce development entities
- Education and training providers
- Economic development agencies
- Native American tribal governments
- State, county, and local governments

HOW TO APPLY?

- Grants.gov; Applications for the first round are due online by 7/7/23, 11:59 PM ET.