Increase Competitive Integrated Employment (CIE) Services, Opportunities, And Outcomes For Individuals With Disabilities.

WHAT IT DOES

This grant will fund a cooperative agreement for a partner to build upon the work of the existing Leadership for the Employment and Economic Advancement of People with Disabilities (LEAD) Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Policy Development Center, called the LEAD Center.

The LEAD Center will work across the full range of workforce systems to develop policies and provide technical expertise that increases competitive integrated employment (CIE) services, opportunities, and outcomes for individuals with disabilities.

The overarching goal of the grant is to provide comprehensive policy development to promote increased and equitable access to WIOA programs and services, competitive integrated employment (CIE) opportunities, and economic advancement for individuals with disabilities.

Applicants should have the demonstrated capacity, relationships, and expertise in workforce development and state workforce systems, as well as in disability employment and economic advancement.

PRIORITY OUTCOMES:
1) Advancing economic self-sufficiency for people with disabilities
2) Creating career pathways to competitive integrated employment (CIE)
3) Increasing data reporting on disability through WIOA programs

WHO IT SERVES (Target Population)

- Workers with Disabilities

WHO CAN APPLY

- Nonprofit entities, including labor organizations
- For-profit organizations; Small businesses

HOW TO APPLY?

- Grants.gov: Applications are due June 17, 2022.

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