

**SOLICITATION FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS
FOR VETERANS EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING SERVICE
JOBS FOR VETERANS STATE GRANTS**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The United States Department of Labor (USDOL), Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS), hereby requests applications for programs of services to veterans for the Fiscal Years 2005-2009. These State grant programs are authorized under Chapter 41, Title 38, of the United States Code and are modified annually.

Each State Workforce Agency operating the public labor exchange delivery system will be provided funds for Federal Fiscal Year (FY) 2005 to operate programs specified by this Solicitation for Grant Applications (SGA). The actual amounts to be made available to State Workforce Agencies are dependent upon Congressional appropriations. However, estimated funding amounts (See Enclosure I) are being provided for SWA planning purposes and are based upon the formula criteria published last Fiscal Year as part of an Interim Final Rule. These estimated funding levels are to be used to plan for an appropriate and sufficient number of Disabled Veterans' Outreach Program (DVOP) specialists and Local Veterans' Employment Representative (LVER) staff to provide effective services to the veterans in the State and to provide incentive awards in recognition of individual excellence in the provision of services to veterans.

Additional funding may be requested for Transition Assistance Program workshops, authorized Special Initiatives and for exigencies. Although States may request these additional funds, the use of such funds will be authorized only upon approval of the State's Jobs For Veterans State Plan. Actual allocations are contingent upon the availability of funds appropriated for these uses and may require adjustment to the amounts shown in Enclosure 1 for any FY during the multi-year grant period.

This solicitation package contains the following:

- General Program Application Information and Government Requirements
- Estimated Funding Levels, Instructions, Application Forms, and Worksheets
- Certifications, Assurances and Draft Grant Provisions

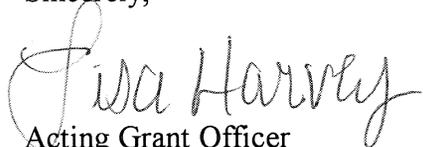
Consistent with electronic-government (e-gov) initiatives, this Solicitation is available electronically from the Director for Veterans' Employment and Training, USDOL, assigned in your State and on the Internet home page for the Veterans' Employment and Training Service at:

<http://www.dol.gov/vets/grants/grants/main.htm>

The application instructions provided herein indicate which plans and forms will be transmitted electronically and what documentation will be submitted to the Director for Veterans' Employment and Training with original signatures. The Director is familiar with this

solicitation and is available to provide technical assistance, as necessary, when preparing grant applications. A draft application for funds will be submitted to the Director for Veterans' Employment and Training for preliminary review by June 1, 2004. The Director will provide comments to the State by June 8, 2004 and the State's final application submission will be due to the Director no later than July 1, 2004.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lisa Harvey". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Acting Grant Officer
Procurement Services Center