

INFORMATION NOTICE

WORKFORCE SERVICES

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TO: WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY

SUBJECT: GRANT APPLICATION OPPORTUNITY - AMERICAN
APPRENTICESHIP INITIATIVE

On December 11, 2014, the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) announced the availability of approximately \$100 million in grant funds for the American Apprenticeship Initiative.

The American Apprenticeship Initiative will create or expand formal apprenticeships within industries and occupations for which employers are using H-1B visas to hire foreign workers, such as information technology, advanced manufacturing, business services, and healthcare. The initiative is intended to raise the technical skill levels of American workers so they can obtain or upgrade employment. Approximately 25 grants ranging from \$2.5 to 5 million will be funded over a 5-year period.

Eligible applicants include public or non-profit organizations (e.g., local workforce investment entities, public education or training providers, or DOL-recognized State apprenticeship agencies) in partnership with at least one private sector entity (e.g., a business, a consortium of businesses, a business-related nonprofit organization, or a private organization functioning as a workforce intermediary for the express purpose of serving the needs of businesses).

Applications must be submitted by April 30, 2015.

For more information about this grant opportunity, please visit the Grants.gov website at www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=270372.

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