

## **\$220M in Federal Grants for Healthcare Training**

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Public or private nonprofit entities with qualifying projects to prepare workers for health care jobs may be eligible for up to \$220 million in financial grants from the U.S. Department of Labor.

These grants, authorized by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, are intended to address anticipated future national shortages of health care workers in nursing, allied health, long-term care, and health information technology sub-sectors. Grant applications must be received by DOL no later than 4 p.m. Eastern Time, October 5, 2009.

DOL's solicitation for grant application (SGA/DFA PY 09-01, Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number 17.275) was announced on July 22, 2009 and is available at: <http://www.dol.gov/federalregister/HtmlDisplay.aspx?DocId=22928&AgencyId=15&DocumentType=3> Prior to making a grant submission, it is recommended applicants review DOL's Webinar, available at <http://www.workforce3one.org>.

In order to be eligible for funding under this SGA, the applicant must be a legal entity (public or private nonprofit). The proposed project must be implemented by "a robust strategic partnership" with at least one entity from each of these three categories: the public workforce investment system; public & private employers; and the educational & training community. There are specific requirements for the characteristics of program training and activities, with a focus on providing direct training, employer or industry recognized certification/degree, and on-the-job training. The project must provide training to either unemployed workers, dislocated workers, or incumbent workers (including low wage workers) who need training to secure full-time employment.

Health care entities who are experiencing or anticipate worker shortages in the critical areas of nursing, allied health, long-term care, and health information technology, and who lack the funding to address those shortages, may be able to benefit from this grant program. Legal counsel should be obtained to ensure the

obligations of all partners under the strategic partnership are confirmed and documented.

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