

Mass Workforce Issuance

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Policy Information

To: Chief Elected Officials
Workforce Investment Board Chairs
Workforce Investment Board Directors
Title I Administrators
Career Center Directors
Title I Fiscal Officers
DCS Associate Directors
DCS Field Managers

cc: WIA State Partners

From: David W. Mackley, Director
Department of Workforce Development

Date: January 24, 2008

Subject: **2008 ETA Recognition of Excellence Application Notice**

Purpose: To transmit notice to Local Workforce Investment Boards, One-Stop Career Center Operators and other local workforce investment partners of the application process for submitting nominations for consideration for ETA's Recognition of Excellence initiative for FY 2008.

Background: On January 16, 2008, the U.S. Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration (ETA) published Training and Employment Notice No. 25-07, [Announcing the 2008 Recognition of Excellence Application Process](#) (Attachment A).

The initiative, established in 2004, recognizes high performance employment and training-related programs and superior or improved system performance by entities that administer or partner with ETA-funded programs.

ETA is requesting nominations for consideration for 2008. This year's categories are:

- Educating America's Workforce to Serve Emerging Industries
- Building a Regionally-Focused Workforce Strategy
- Leveraging the Power of Partnerships

- Tapping the talents of Special Populations in the Workforce
- Connecting America's Youth to the Workforce

Selection criteria include: innovation, collaboration, service delivery, performance outcomes, sustainability, replicability, linking workers to demand occupations and emerging industries, and impact.

Any state or local program, project, or initiative, including those of national program grantees, funded through ETA or in which an ETA-funded activity is one integral component, may apply. In addition to employment and training entities funded directly by ETA, eligible applicants for consideration may include universities, community colleges, businesses, foundations, faith and community-based organizations, and other entities that receive ETA funds or partner with an ETA-funded applicant in the recommended program, project, or initiative. The program, project, or initiative must have been operational for at least twelve (12) months during the last two program years (July 2006 to present) and may not have been previously recognized.

Applications must be submitted electronically by 6:00 p.m. EST on March 28, 2008.

For detailed information refer to Attachment A or visit the Recognition of Excellence web-site at: <http://roe.doleta.gov> .

Action

Required: Please assure that all potentially interested parties are informed of the content of this issuance.

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