

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, California 95814



June 4, 1998

ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE I-36-98

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL WELFARE-TO-WORK PROGRAM
COORDINATORS
ALL CalWORKs ELIGIBILITY PROGRAM
SPECIALISTS

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

- State Law Change
 Federal Law or Regulation
Change
 Court Order or Settlement
Agreement
 Clarification Requested by One or
More Counties
 Initiated by CDSS

SUBJECT: THE 25 PERCENT COMPETITIVE WELFARE-TO-WORK (WtW) GRANT
PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
LABOR (DOL)

REFER: ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE-I-14-98, DATED MARCH 4, 1998

This letter is to provide information regarding DOL's solicitation for a second round of bids for the 25 percent competitive WtW Grant Program. It also provides instructions as to when and how to submit a grant application to the Employment Development Department (EDD) for review and comment before it is submitted to DOL.

On April 15, 1998, DOL published in the Federal Register a request for additional applications for the 25 percent competitive grants under the WtW Grant Program which was implemented with the enactment of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997. Private Industry Councils (PICs), private, nonprofit, faith-based, community-based and public entities may apply for this grant. We encourage county welfare departments (CWDs) to take advantage of this opportunity if you believe the funds will help serve WtW eligible individuals in your county.

Competitive grant applications must be received by DOL no later than July 14, 1998. To allow sufficient time for review and comment, the applications should be submitted as soon as possible. Providing applications to EDD no later than **June 15, 1998**, will allow the state 15 calendar days to prepare and mail comments back to grant applicants and allow local processing time to meet DOL's July 14, 1998, closing date for receipt of applications. We want to emphasize that the June 15, 1998, date is not a deadline but a benchmark against which applicants can plan. Applications will be accepted after this date and a good faith effort will be made by state staff to be responsive to assisting applicants in meeting the DOL closing date. However, applications will not be accepted for state review after July 8, 1998.

The Job Training Partnership Division (JTPD) in EDD is responsible for performing and coordinating the review and providing comments back to grant applicants. As provided in the DOL guidelines for the 25 percent competitive grants, the review is to ensure that the application does not propose activities that are contrary to what is outlined in the state's WtW Grant Program Plan. Grant applications will be reviewed to confirm that they are developed in

consultation with the appropriate local PICs and CWDs. Such collaboration between local stakeholders must be documented in the application. In addition, EDD is interested in assuring that activities and supportive services are coordinated with the CWDs and PICs, that other local resources are leveraged, and that there is private sector involvement in the proposed projects. CDSS will assist in the review of applications for coordination efforts between the CWD and the grant applicant.

To further assist CWDs with this process, state comments will be provided to drafts. Final applications will not be necessary and faxes will not be accepted. Please submit three (3) copies (no originals or bindings please) as follows:

Mail:

Employment Development Department
Job Training Partnership Division
Attention: Don Migge
P. O. Box 826880, MIC 69-1
Sacramento, CA 94280-0001

Courier Service/Overnight Mail:

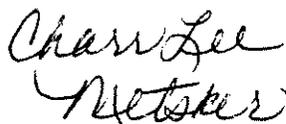
Employment Development Department
Job Training Partnership Division
Attention: Don Migge
800 Capitol Mall, MIC 69-1
Sacramento, CA 95814

Hand Deliver:

Employment Development department
Job Training Partnership Division
Attention: Don Migge
722 Capitol Mall, Room W1077
Sacramento, CA 95814

Detailed information regarding the solicitation may be obtained by accessing the DOL WtW Home Page Internet address at: <http://wtw.doleta.gov>. Copies of the Interim Final Rule governing the WtW Grant Program and the application can also be obtained on the DOL WtW Home Page, which includes activities conducted under the 25 percent competitive grant process. Any questions regarding the grant application may be faxed to Don Migge, JTPD, EDD at (916) 653-2467. When faxing to EDD, the subject line needs to read "Welfare Grant." If you have any questions regarding issues that apply to CWDs' role in the WtW Grant Program, you may contact Pat Loader, Employment Bureau, at (916) 654-1770 or fax questions to Pat at (916) 654-1048. All inquires to EDD or Pat should include a contact name and phone number.

Sincerely,



CHARR LEE METSKER, Chief
Employment and Eligibility Branch

c: JTPD, EDD
Regional Advisors