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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (WIA); Notice of Incentive Funding Availability Based on Program Year (PY) 2013 Performance

AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor (DOL), in collaboration with the Department of Education (ED), announces that three States are eligible to apply for WIA (Pub. L. 105-220, 29 U.S.C. 2801 et seq.) incentive grant awards authorized by section 503 of the WIA. The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, signed into law on July 22, 2014, Public Law 113-128, eliminates incentive awards for state performance. PY 2013 is the last year that incentive grants will be awarded to states under WIA.

DATES: The three eligible States must submit their applications for incentive funding to the address listed below by [INSERT DATE 45 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: Submit applications to the Employment and Training Administration, Office of Policy Development and Research, Division of Strategic Planning and Performance, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Room N-5641, Washington, DC 20210, Attention: Catterra Castile and Luke Murren. Telephone number: 202-693-3733 (this is not a toll-free number). Fax: 202-693-2766. E-mail: castile.catterra@dol.gov and murren.luke@dol.gov. Information may also be found at the ETA Performance Web site: <http://www.doleta.gov/performance>. Additional

information on how to apply can be found in Training and Employment Guidance Letter 20-01 Change 13, which will be forthcoming.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Luke Murren at Murren.Luke@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Three States (see Appendix) qualify to receive a share of the \$9 million available for incentive grant awards under WIA section 503. These funds, which were contributed by ED from appropriations for the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act at WIA title II (AEFLA), are available for the eligible States to use through June 30, 2017, to support innovative workforce development and education activities that are authorized under WIA title IB (Workforce Investment Systems) or WIA title II (AEFLA), or under the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (Perkins IV), 20 U.S.C. 2301 et seq., as amended by Pub. L. 109-270. In order to qualify for a grant award, a State must have exceeded its performance levels for WIA title IB and WIA title II. (Perkins IV removed the requirement that funds be reserved to carry out section 503 of WIA which only referenced Pub. L. 105-332 (Perkins III); thus, DOL and ED do not consider States' performance levels under Perkins IV in determining eligibility for incentive grants under section 503 of WIA). The performance related goals used to determine a State's eligibility status include: 1) employment after training and related services, as well as retention in employment, and 2) improvements in literacy levels, among other measures. After review of the performance data submitted by States to DOL and ED, each Department determined which States exceeded their performance levels for its respective program(s) (the Appendix at the bottom of this notice lists the eligibility of each State by program). These lists were compared, and States that exceeded their performance levels for both programs are eligible to apply for and receive an incentive grant award.

The States eligible to apply for incentive grant awards and the amounts they are eligible to receive are listed in the following chart:

<i>State</i>	<i>Total Award</i>
Minnesota	\$3,000,000
North Dakota	\$3,000,000
Rhode Island	\$3,000,000

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STATE	Incentive Grants Program Year 2013 Exceeded State Performance Levels		
	WIA Title IB	AEFLA (WIA Title II – Adult Education)	WIA Title IB; AEFLA
Alabama			
Alaska	X		
Arizona			
Arkansas			
California			
Colorado	X		
Connecticut			
District of Columbia			
Delaware			
Florida			
Georgia		X	
Hawaii			
Idaho		X	
Illinois		X	
Indiana	X		
Iowa		X	
Kansas	X		
Kentucky			
Louisiana			
Maine			
Maryland	X		
Massachusetts		X	
Michigan			
Minnesota	X	X	X
Mississippi			
Missouri		X	
Montana		X	
Nebraska	X		
Nevada			
New Hampshire		X	
New Jersey			
New Mexico			
New York		X	
North Carolina			
North Dakota	X	X	X
Ohio	X		
Oklahoma			
Oregon			
Pennsylvania		X	
Puerto Rico			
Rhode Island	X	X	X
South Carolina	X		

STATE	Incentive Grants Program Year 2013 Exceeded State Performance Levels		
	WIA Title IB	AEFLA (WIA Title II – Adult Education)	WIA Title IB; AEFLA
South Dakota		X	
Tennessee	X		
Texas		X	
Utah	X		
Vermont			
Virginia			
Washington			
West Virginia	X		
Wisconsin			
Wyoming			
TOTAL	14	15	3

* States in **bold** exceeded their performance levels for both WIA Title IB and WIA title II programs.

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