

information, see the ATELS Web site at http://www.doleta.gov/atels_bat/.

High-technology occupations are those in which cutting-edge, state-of-the-art technologies are used. The technologies shape the design, development, and introduction of new products and innovative production processes. These scientific, technical and engineering occupations require in-depth knowledge of the theories and principles of science, engineering, and mathematics, acquired through post-secondary specialized education. For the purposes of this solicitation, this definition also includes other occupations which have many high-tech aspects, for example, repairing the products used in high-tech industries.

CBO (Community-Based Organization) is a private nonprofit organization, which may be faith-based, that is representative of a community or a significant segment of a community, and that has demonstrated experience administering programs that train women for A/NTO.

Part II. Eligible Applicants

An applicant must be a community-based organization. That is, it must:

- Be a private, nonprofit organization. *A public body such as a governmental body, public school, college, or hospital is not a CBO.*
- Represent a community or a significant segment of a community.
- Have demonstrated experience administering programs that train women for A/NTO.

In addition, a CBO must not be classified under the IRS Tax Code as a 501(c)(4) entity.

All proposals must document that these eligibility requirements have been, and will continue to be, satisfied.

A faith-based organization is an eligible applicant provided it meets the eligibility requirements stated above.

A consortium of CBOs may apply for a grant provided they include a copy of the consortium agreement and identify the entity/entities that will administer the grant.

Applications that fail to establish eligibility according to these criteria will not be evaluated.

Part III. Application Contents

A. Technical Proposal

The technical proposal text is limited to twenty (20) 8½ by 11 inch pages (not including the Table of Contents and any attachments), numbered, double-spaced, single-sided, in 8 to 12 pitch (font size).

The following information is required:

1. A Table of Contents, listing the application sections.

2. Documentation of applicant eligibility, as described in part II of this notice.

3. A 2-page abstract, summarizing the proposed project.

4. Documentation of its experience, capability, and qualifications for providing TA to E/LU for the purpose of recruiting, training, hiring and retaining women in A/NTO, as described in part IV, section A1 "Organizational Overview" of this notice.

5. Documentation of commitments from a minimum of six (6) up to a maximum of eight (8) E/LU to receive TA, and a description of the E/LU's previous experience in recruiting, training, placing and retaining women in A/NTO, as described in part iv, section A2 "Established Employer and Labor Union Linkages" of this notice.

6. A Statement of Work as described in part IV section A3 "Scope of WANTO Project and Projected Outcomes" of this notice.

7. A list of all items for which grant funds will be expended. Do not include any cost information, only expenditure items.

8. The CBO's budget and major funding sources for the past three (3) years, including foundation and government funds, as well as other types of funding.

B. Cost Proposal

The Cost Proposal is a physically separate document and must not be included within the twenty-page limit of the technical proposal. The Cost Proposal must include the following:

1. A Standard Form (SF) 424, "Application for Federal Assistance." All copies of the SF 424 must have original signatures of the legal entity applying for grant funding. Applicants must indicate on the SF 424 the organizations IRS status. The Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number for this program is 17.700, which should be entered on the SF 424, block 10.

2. A certification prepared within the last six (6) months, attesting to the adequacy of the entity's fiscal management and accounting systems to account for and safeguard Federal funds properly. The certification should be obtained as follows:

- a. For incorporated organizations, a certification from a Certified Public Accountant or

- b. For other applicants, their employers' identification number (EIN) issued by the IRS;

3. Budget Information Form 424A, with a narrative of description of each line item.

4. A copy of the most current Indirect Cost Rate Agreement issued by the cognizant federal agency, if applicable.

5. Applications from a consortium of organizations also must include a copy of the consortium agreement and must identify the consortium that will act as the administrative entity for the project. No member of a consortium shall make a separate application under his grant program. In addition, the agreement must specify the consortium's arrangements for handling the administrative and financial responsibilities for the program.

6. The applicants must include the Assurances and Certifications Signature Page.

Potential applicants who do not have the current version of the standard grant forms 424 and 424A listed above can download them from the following OMB Web site address: http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants/grants_forms.html. The Assurances and Certifications Signature Page will be available on the WB WANTO Web site at <http://www.dol.gov/wb/nontra.htm>.

Part IV. Evaluation Criteria and Selection Process

Technical proposals will be carefully reviewed by an evaluation panel using the following criteria under section A of this part. Up to 115 points may be awarded to an application. This total is based on up to 100 points for the required information described in A. 1, 2, and 3 below, and up to 15 bonus points for special program emphasis described in A. 4 below. The ranked scores of the proposals will serve as the primary basis for selection of applicants for a potential award in accordance with the process in section B of this part.

A. Technical Evaluation Criteria/Points

1. Organizational Overview (Up to 20 Points Awarded)

The applicant must demonstrate its experience, capability and qualifications for administering a grant project to provide technical assistance to E/LU. The applicant must:

- (a) Describe the organization's experience and leadership in providing *technical assistance to E/LU* for the purpose of recruiting, training, placing and retaining women in A/NTO.

- (b) Highlight the qualifications of the key staff and the organizational structure that would ensure the success of the project. Include the CBO's organizational chart and the names and full resumes of all primary staff managing the grant project.

- (c) Include job descriptions which identify all key tasks, the hours required