

—The extent to which Vocational Rehabilitation is integrated or coordinated with the One-Stop delivery system;

—Data on the extent to which people with disabilities have been served under the Wagner-Peyser Act, and WIA and previously, under the Job Training Partnership Act;

—The level of commitment the applicant and consortium members have to serving people with disabilities; and

—The extent and manner in which the needs of individuals with disabilities from diverse cultural and/or ethnic groups will be addressed.

Section III. Project Narrative *[Project Narrative plus attachments are limited to no more than forty (40) double-spaced, single-sided, numbered pages. Letters of general support or recommendation for a proposal should NOT be submitted and will count against the page limits. Note: The Executive Summary is not included in this forty (40)-page limit.]*

The Section III Project Narrative requirements are described below under Part IV—Government Requirements/Statement of Work section.

Part VII. Government Requirements/Statement of Work

The Project Narrative, or Section III of the grant application, should provide complete information on how the applicant will address the following Department of Labor priorities for the Program Year (PY) 2002 Work Incentive Grant program to achieve enhancements to the basic infrastructure and service delivery of the One-Stop system, in particular Wagner-Peyser and WIA-funded programs:

(1) Developing comprehensive One-Stop Centers which are welcoming and are valued providers of choice by customers with disabilities seeking workforce assistance by assuring the availability of staff trained on disability issues, personalized employment counseling, knowledgeable support related to addressing employment barriers and work incentives, and availability of accommodations and assistive technologies for diverse disability needs.

(2) Implement strategies, which significantly increase opportunities for skill training, career and job development for people with disabilities resulting in self-sustaining employment and career advancement through participation in the One-Stop system.

Proposals will be rated based upon addressing the areas listed in the four criteria in terms of a comprehensive strategic approach that addresses the

Department's priorities noted above. The four criteria (Statement of Need, Comprehensive Service Strategy, Innovation and Model Services, and Demonstrated Capability) must be addressed and include applicant accomplishments or status with regard to each item. *However, the Department does not expect the applicant to incorporate every item listed as part of their strategy and proposal design.* The Department recognizes that the needs and requirements of each state and/or local workforce investment area may be different, and, therefore, some of the options identified may be more relevant than others in order to address the Department's priorities in a particular state and/or local area. For example, a state may have already provided extensive assistive technology throughout their One-Stop Career Centers and need to focus more on other accessibility or accommodation issues, outreach to the disability community and coordination with partner programs and, therefore, the proposal would identify this fact and not direct significant (or any) resources to procuring assistive technology.

With regard to the Department's priority to increase the availability of skill training, employment opportunities and career advancement for persons with disabilities, it has established the following Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) goals for PY 2003 (July 1, 2003–June 30, 2004):

"Increase the capacity and quality of One-Stop system services for people with disabilities who are registered in the workforce investment area(s) receiving Work Incentive Grants." The performance indicators for achieving this goal are:

- 5% more individuals with disabilities will be served than were served in the workforce area(s) in PY 2001 under the adult, dislocated worker and youth programs;

- Of those with disabilities served, 5% more individuals with disabilities will be placed in unsubsidized employment after program exit than were placed in PY 2001; and

Of those placed in the first quarter after program exit, 5% more individuals with disabilities will be employed in the third quarter after exit than were retained in PY 2001.

Note: When determining the focus and objectives of the applicant proposal, it will be helpful for applicants to also review past products and approaches taken by former grantees that are identified on the One-Stop Toolkit Web site at: <http://www.onestoptoolkit.org/> In addition to obtaining strategic approaches that may be

helpful, the Department would like to encourage leveraging of products that have been previously developed and reduce duplication where possible.

1. Statement of Need [25 points]

The purpose of the Statement of Need criteria is to establish the overall status of disability related issues in the applicant's workforce investment area, identify strengths and deficiencies to be addressed by the applicant proposal, identify the overall scope of proposal objectives and design, and present the applicant's need for Work Incentive Grant resources to achieve improvements to their workforce system for persons with disabilities. All items must be addressed although a number of them are for information purposes. This criteria will be rated based upon applicant needs identified and proposed approaches to address these needs in the context of the Department's priorities.

For proposals targeted to a specific Indian community or covering multiple Tribal entities which may cut across multiple States and/or local areas, describe the overall approach of the project, and identify the inadequacies and deficiencies of the service delivery to the applicable community, and how the project expects to address these.

A. Identify the number of workforce investment areas in the State and the geographic jurisdiction of each local workforce investment area(s) in the State.

B. Identify which local area(s) in the State will be covered by the project and whether the project is Statewide, involves multiple local areas or is for a single local area.

C. Identify whether a Work Incentive Grant award was received in the October 2000 or May 2002 award announcements covering the identified workforce investment areas in this application and the reasons for application under this Solicitation for Grant Application.

D. Identify partners/consortium members if any, their primary mission irrespective of participation in the grant proposal, and what political and geographic jurisdictions (e.g., cities, counties, subsections of cities/counties) they cover.

E. Describe how the project will address a primary objective of the Work Incentive Grant program to assure the integration of people with disabilities into the workforce investment system, including the availability of Wagner-Peyser and WIA Title I programs and services.

F. Identify the percentage of people with disabilities in the State and/or