

Defense Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant (DEAAG) Solicitation to Retrain Defense Workers

The Texas Military Preparedness Commission (TMPC) is the recipient of \$5 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds appropriated by the Texas Legislature in Senate Bill 1, General Appropriations Act, Article XII, Section 25 for the 2010-2011 biennium, to be used as part of its Texas Defense Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant (DEAAG) Program.

Use of Grant Proceeds:

- The retraining of defense workers defined as veterans, disabled veterans, Department of Defense (DoD) uniformed and civilian personnel as well as non-(DoD) displaced civilian defense workers.
- For the purchase or lease of [capital]* equipment to be used to retrain defense workers.

Qualifying Entities:

- A public junior college district all or part of which is located in a defense community in Texas.
- A campus or extension center for education purposes of the Texas State Technical College System located in a defense community in Texas.

Targeted Population:

- A veteran or disabled veteran.
- Uniformed or civilian employee of the United States Department of Defense (DoD).
- An employee of a government agency or private business, or entity providing a DoD related function, who is employed on a defense facility.
- An employee of a business that provides contracted direct services or products to the DoD and whose job is directly dependent on defense expenditures.

Award Amount: The minimum award is \$50,000. The maximum award is \$2 million. A maximum of \$4 million will be awarded for this posting.

Program Coverage: ARRA funds provided under the Defense Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant Program must be expended in full no later than February 28, 2011. Leased [capital]* equipment will not be funded through ARRA after February 28, 2011.

Documentation and Verification:

- Applicants will be required to provide adequate documentation that ARRA grant awards are used in the retraining of defense workers through the purchase or leasing of related training equipment as defined above.
- Awards are subject to all relevant federal and state monthly, quarterly and annual reporting requirements concerning the use of ARRA funds.

Application Process: Applicants will need to access TMPC's application at the Office of the Governor's eGrants website at <https://egrants.governor.state.tx.us> to register and apply for funding.

Closing Date for Receipt of Applications: All applications must be certified by the Authorized Official via eGrants website on or before 5:00 PM, May 10, 2010.

Contact the Texas Military Preparedness Commission at tmpe@governor.state.tx.us with any questions concerning this application. Questions must be received no later than April 20, 2010. Answers will be posted no later than May 3, 2010.

The scoring of the Competitive Grant Solicitation will consider the following factors.

Basis of Eligibility

- **Adversely Affected Defense Community:** The defense community in which the qualifying entity is located meets the requirements of an Adversely Affected Community, as defined in Texas Government Code §486.003(b), with consideration given to the size, scope and significance of any downturn in military mission or defense related economic business, OR
- **Positively Affected Defense Community:** The defense community in which the qualifying entity is located meets the requirements of a Positively Affected Community, as defined in

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Texas Government Code §486.003(c), with consideration given to the size, scope and significance of any increase in military mission or defense related economic business

Area Impact -- the impact of the United States DoD base realignment on the community as measured by the applicant's employment/unemployment information, considering community population and statewide unemployment figures

Target Population -- the applicant's projected enrollment of targeted students in classes where DEAAG funds are to be used, with consideration given to the likelihood of achieving the projection as demonstrated by community demographics and applicant's recruitment strategy

Definition of Targeted Students

- i. A veteran or disabled veteran;
- ii. Uniformed member of the Armed Services;
- iii. A United States Department of Defense (DoD) civilian employee; and
- iv. An employee of a business that provides contracted direct services or products to the DoD and whose job is directly dependent on defense expenditures.

Alignment with DEAAG Program Goals -- the likelihood of achieving DEAAG Program Goals with favorable consideration for projects with the greatest impact toward achieving those goals

DEAAG Program Goals

The purpose of the Texas program is to assist Public Junior Colleges or a campus or extension of the Texas State Technical College System in the retraining of defense workers, including veterans, disabled veterans, DoD uniformed and civilian personnel and non-DoD displaced workers through the purchase or leasing of [capital]* equipment for instructional purposes. Funding can be used to purchase or lease [capital]* equipment for the purpose of (re)training displaced defense workers.

Project Funding Sources -- the applicant's efforts to secure additional state or federal funding sources or efforts to secure financial partners, such as a local defense contractor, favoring schools that have acquired additional financial backing or secured a local partnership to support the class/project

Project Milestones -- Dates for the purchase occurring before February 28, 2011 and the corresponding dates classes will start, with preference given to grants with earlier expenditures and those supporting classes already in progress or earlier start date.

*** The word "capital" was removed on April 8, 2010.**