

## 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 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, which has been adversely or positively affected by DoD action. More information is available below under "Basis for Eligibility."
- A campus or extension center for education purposes of the Texas State Technical College System located in a defense community in Texas, which has been adversely or positively affected by DoD action. More information is available below under "Basis for Eligibility."

**Please note that TMPC does not provide a list of eligible communities.  
It is the responsibility of the applicant to demonstrate eligibility.**

### **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.

**Program Coverage:** ARRA funds provided under the Defense Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant Program must be expended in full no later than May 27, 2011. Leased equipment will not be funded through ARRA after May 27, 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, July 26, 2010.

Contact the Texas Military Preparedness Commission at [tmpc@governor.state.tx.us](mailto:tmpc@governor.state.tx.us) with any questions concerning this application. Questions must be received no later than July 15, 2010. Answers will be posted no later than July 19, 2010.

**Questions received after July 15, 2010 will not be answered.**

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The scoring of the Competitive Grant Solicitation will consider the following factors. **It is the responsibility of the applicant to prove eligibility based on the criteria below.**

### **Basis of Eligibility (13%) – CRITICAL FACTOR<sup>1</sup>**

- 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 [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 (16%)** -- 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 (22%)** -- 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 (22%)** -- the likelihood of achieving DEAAG Program Goals through the purchase of equipment for training, 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 equipment for instructional purposes. Funding can be used to purchase or lease equipment for the purpose of (re)training displaced defense workers. **The use of funds for the purchase of equipment only is a CRITICAL FACTOR.<sup>2</sup>**

**Project Funding Sources (11%)** -- 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 (16%)** -- Dates for the purchase occurring before May 27, 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.

<sup>1</sup>Applicants must demonstrate their eligibility as an adversely-affected and/or positively-affected defense community in order to receive funding.

<sup>2</sup>Funding may only be used for equipment purchases. Other expenditures included in the budget will not be funded and may cause the application to be rejected.