



Department of
Job and Family Services

Ted Strickland, Governor
Douglas E. Lumpkin, Director

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Dear Potential Applicant:

This letter is to announce the **re-release** of the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services' (ODJFS) Request for Proposals (RFP)#: R-1011-15-8031 (formerly released as RFP#: R-1011-15-8024 on June 30, 2009), for the Constructing Futures Project. The purpose of this RFP is to develop and operate innovative pre-apprenticeship training programs that prepare unemployed adults for construction careers, and to advance professional knowledge about this kind of training. Through this RFP, ODJFS expects to award multiple grants, with maximum amounts as specified in the RFP.

ODJFS was encouraged by the number and quality of proposals the Department received in response to the initial release—one which is a very new grant process using federal stimulus funds. The experience alerted ODJFS to ways that this process can be made more accessible and more conducive to the program activities our agency means to encourage. As a result, ODJFS canceled the previous RFP, and has revised it to include those improvements, but maintained focus on the same programmatic goals. All newly interested parties as well as those applicants who previously applied for Constructing Futures funding, are strongly encouraged to submit proposals again under the revised RFP, taking account of the new provisions and requirements, all of which are explained by ODJFS.

Eligible applicants **must** be integrated, collaborative **partnerships including representatives from each of the five required groups specified in the RFP**. Each Constructing Futures proposal must identify a Registered Apprenticeship sponsor as the partnership's lead entity responsible for administration and reporting; and must identify which member organization in the partnership will serve as fiscal agent for the funded program. **Each recipient is required to provide leveraging support for the project from some source(s) other than this fund, equivalent to 25% or more of the grant amount.** Leverage sources may be comprised of cash, in-kind support, or both.

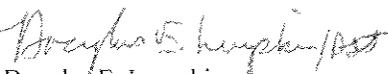
Applicants responding to this RFP must file an expression of interest in obtaining ARRA recovery funds by connecting to the State of Ohio Federal Stimulus Initiative website at <http://recovery.ohio.gov/opportunities/state>, clicking "submit a proposal," and filling the registration form that it links to at <http://apps.das.ohio.gov/dasoitrecovery/Default.aspx> (See details below in Section 2.1.D. of the RFP). **Applicants that registered in connection with any other RFP and/or a previous version of this project, will need to register again.** Deadlines for this and other steps in the procurement process are provided in the RFP.

If you are interested in submitting an application/proposal for this important project, please obtain the RFP through the ODJFS web site at <http://www.jfs.ohio.gov/rfp/>. If you do not have Internet access to this document or experience problems opening the above referenced ODJFS URL, please contact the RFP/RLB Unit at the following telephone number:

ODJFS, Office of Contracts and Acquisitions
30 East Broad Street, 31st Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215-3414
PH: (614) 728-5693

Responses must be prepared and submitted in strict accordance with the requirements and time frames given in the RFP. Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,


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