



Department of  
Job and Family Services

Ted Strickland, Governor  
Douglas E. Lumpkin, Director

June 30, 2009

Dear Potential Applicant:

This letter is to announce the release of the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services' (ODJFS) Request for Proposals (RFP)#: R-1011-15-8024, for the Constructing Futures Project. The purpose of this RFP is to solicit applications from integrated, collaborative partnerships that include representatives of the education, business, and workforce development sectors. Each applicant's proposal must identify a Registered Apprenticeship sponsor as the partnership's lead entity responsible for administration and reporting; and must identify a local WIA Board (LWIB) as fiscal agent for the proposed project.

Through this RFP, ODJFS expects to award multiple grants, with maximum amounts of \$300,000 for each recipient partnership that includes a single WIB and \$500,000 for each recipient partnership that includes two or more WIBs, from a total fund of \$4 million. Each recipient is required to provide leveraging support for the project from some source(s) other than this fund, equivalent to 100% or more of the grant amount.

Projects selected for funding through this RFP must develop pre-apprenticeship training programs that serve low-income non-working adults and/or dislocated workers, with special emphasis on minority and female participation. These programs must help trainees attain successful careers in construction occupations by preparing them for full Registered Apprenticeship programs in those occupations; must use Ohio's integrated Career Pathways approach; and must confirm or add to the body of knowledge about effective pre-apprenticeship training and therefore aid the further development of a nationwide pre-apprenticeship model.

**Partnerships interested in applying for funding under this RFP must also file an expression of interest in obtaining ARRA recovery funds, by registering at the State of Ohio Federal Stimulus Initiative website at <http://recovery.ohio.gov/opportunities/state/>. When registering, the program categories "Poverty, Work and Opportunity" and "Apprenticeship Programs" should be selected. If the registration is accepted, a confirmation will be received by email. If not, the information should be entered again. A copy of the email confirmation must be included with the applicant's proposal for the proposal to be considered. Entities that fail to register at that website by July 24, 2009 will be disqualified.**

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:

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30 East Broad Street, 31<sup>st</sup> Floor  
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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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