2021 Funding Opportunity Announcement Women in Apprenticeship and Nontraditional Occupations (WANTO) Technical Assistance (TA) Grant Program Supplemental Justification

Supplemental Supporting Statement A: Justification

The U.S. Department of Labor Women's Bureau (WB) and Employment and Training Administration (ETA) will announce the availability of approximately \$3 million in grant funds (pursuant to a reprogramming) authorized by the Women in Apprenticeship and Nontraditional Occupations (WANTO) Act of 1992, Pub. L. 102-530, 29 U.S.C. 2501 et seq.; 29 U.S.C. § 13; and the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021.

The DOL plans to disburse Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 WANTO grant funds to up to eight (8) community-based organization (CBO) grantees within the range of \$350,000 to \$750,000 for a 2-year grant period to provide technical assistance to employers and labor unions to encourage employment of women in apprenticeable occupations and nontraditional occupations, as defined in this solicitation.

Applications include the following information collections:

- (1) Form SF-424, Application for Federal Assistance and attachments (separately cleared under control number 4040-0004);
- (2) Project Budget;
- (3) Project Narrative and Attachments.

Electronic availability:

This grant solicitation is available on the grants.gov website. Based on past DOL experience, the Department anticipates 80 percent of responses will be submitted electronically.

Small Entities:

This information collection will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities.

Assurances of confidentiality:

These grant solicitations do not offer applicants assurances of confidentiality.

Special circumstances:

This FOA implicates no special circumstances.

Burden:

Based on past experience, DOL expects to receive approximately 80 applications. ETA estimates public reporting burden for the information collection to average 20 hours per response for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining needed data, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

80 applications x 20 hours = 1,600 hours.

The DOL uses the average hourly earnings in the professional and business services industry of \$35.19 per hour to monetize this burden. See The Employment Situation—October 2020, DOL, Bureau of Labor Statistics, https://www.bls.gov/news.release/pdf/empsit.pdf at page 36.

1,600 hours x \$35.19 = \$56,304.

DOL associates no other burden costs with this information collection. In addition to the application, each grantee will be required to submit quarterly financial, performance, and narrative reports to the WB. Those information collection requirements will be cleared under a separate control number.

Total burden: 80 respondents, 80 responses, 1,600 hours, \$0 other cost burden.

Supplemental Supporting Statement B: Statistical Methods

This information collection does not employ statistical methods.