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Skills Partnership Training Grants
Customized Training Grant Program

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Notice of Availability of Grant Program Funds

Take Notice that, in compliance with N.J.S.A. 52:14-34.4 et seq., the Department of Labor and Workforce Development (hereinafter “the Department” or “LWD”) regularly publishes on its website at <http://lwd.dol.state.nj.us/labor> all notices of fund availability pertaining to federal or state grant funds, which may be awarded by the Department. The notices of fund availability may be found on the Department’s website under the heading “Public Notices” and the subheading “Notice of Availability of Grant Program Funds.”

The State of New Jersey is committed to addressing the needs of New Jersey businesses and enhancing the employability of New Jersey residents by building a skilled workforce through work-based learning initiatives.

To achieve these goals, training grant programs must include:

- Employer-driven, high-quality training
- Industry-recognized credentials
- Work-based learning

Important Information:

Approximately 85% of New Jersey job openings are for middle and high-skill positions.

Middle-skill jobs are defined as occupations that require less than a bachelor’s degree but more than a high school degree.

High-skill jobs are defined as occupations that require long-term on-the-job training, post-secondary vocational training, or a post-secondary degree.

Work-based learning provides trainees with real-life work experiences where both classroom learning and hands-on, technical skill development enhance employability.

Project-based training is focused on achieving a specific, employer-identified business goal.

A. Name of Grant

Skills Partnership Training Grants - Customized Training Grant Program

B. Purpose for which the grant funds will be used

The Skills Partnership Training Grant funds are competitively awarded to New Jersey employers to provide cost reimbursement assistance to train incumbent and/or new employees to meet the current and future skill requirements of available high wage, middle-skill and high-skill jobs in New Jersey. Grant funds are intended to “seed” business and employee development training and are not intended for annual training or training that would otherwise be conducted without grant assistance.

All grants awarded must be:

- **Employer driven** - the employer decides who receives training and what type of training is needed;

- **Shared costs** - eligible training costs are shared between LWD and the employer 50-50;
- **Outcome based** - training must focus on a specific business goal and participants should receive a portable recognized credential at the end of the training.
- **Focused on Front Line Trainees** - training must be focused on those employees directly involved with the direct production of the good or service created by the applicant.

C. Amount of Funding Available

The projected amount of funding available for this program in fiscal year 2019 (FY19) is estimated to be \$10,000,000. Final determination for funding is contingent upon authorization and availability. If additional funding becomes available, it will be included in the total amount available during the course of FY19.

Funding levels for grant awards will be based on the following criteria:

Training Applications	Maximum Award
Individual Employers	May apply for a maximum of \$100,000
Industry-specific Consortiums	May apply for a maximum of \$250,000 (Participating businesses are capped at \$25,000 each)

The Skills Partnership / Customized Training Grant program can contribute **up to a maximum of a 50% match to training costs incurred by a New Jersey employer** in one of two ways.

1. Reimbursement by clock hour of instruction received from a third-party training provider(s). The maximum reimbursement rate of \$200 per clock hour for the direct training costs associated with third-party training delivery, includes:
 - Tuition fees;
 - Textbooks, software and other required materials;
 - Examination/Credentialing fees.
2. Reimbursement for 50% of the base wages of trainees participating in approved training conducted by the employer. (For direct employer applications only.)

New Jersey has identified the following industry clusters as targeted sectors for FY19:

Advanced Manufacturing	Health Care
Construction/Utilities	Life Sciences
Financial Services	Retail, Hospitality and Tourism
Food Industry	Transportation, Logistics and Distribution

In keeping with the state’s commitment of developing industry-specific, employer-driven partnerships, industry-specific consortiums are encouraged. In addition, LWD will give priority to businesses that:

1. are new to customized training. (A new business is defined as one not having received or participated in a customized training grant within the last three (3) completed fiscal years prior to the current fiscal announcement.)
2. are currently under procurement or a military contract with the United States Department of Defense, the United States Department of Veteran's Affairs or any branch of the United States Armed Forces; or businesses who will provide training to veterans; or businesses who focus on the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). Applicants must explain how they meet the criteria.

D. Entities eligible to apply for funding under the grant program

The grant program is open to the following New Jersey eligible applicants:

- Individual employers;
- Any employer organization, labor organization, community-based organization or faith-based organization;
- Any industry-specific consortium comprised of two or more of the following: eligible individual employers, employer organizations and labor organizations, and community-based or faith-based organizations.

E. Requirements of applicants in order to be considered for funding under the grant program

KEY POINTS FOR POTENTIAL APPLICANTS TO CONSIDER:

1. All **employers must make a minimum financial contribution of 50% to the total cost of training** associated with an application.
2. Employers must commit to retain trainees for at least six months after training is completed. Failure to adhere to this requirement may result in the employer having to refund grant dollars allocated to train these workers.
3. All **individual trainees are capped at receiving \$1,500 in reimbursable training services** in any grant application. The optional [Employee Grant Participation Spreadsheet](#) (GPS) may be used to assist in planning to ensure the cap is not exceeded.
4. Training is **expected to be accurately planned to the best of the ability of the employer(s)** participating in a grant application in order to minimize the need for later changes.
5. Proposed **training must be project-based and focused on the front line workers** of an organization. (defined as those involved in the direct production of goods or services)
6. Proposed training should lead to and/or achieve an industry-valued credential for the business or trainee.
7. **Training requested should be planned to utilize the most efficient delivery method** with a **minimum of 10** students per class. Please note: LWD will seek to meet an applicant's training request through the most cost-effective means available.

Types of training eligible for Skills Partnership Grants include:

Third-Party Classroom Training

- Training provided to a group of trainees in a classroom setting conducted by a qualified instructor from an **external third party training provider located in the State of New Jersey**.

On-the-Job Training or Company In-House Training

- Hands-on instruction or skill acquisition provided under the constant and direct guidance of a qualified trainer in the direct production of a good or service.
- Classroom or one-on-one instruction performed by **internal qualified company training instructors**.

All third-party training providers utilized as part of a grant must be listed as approved on the state's [Eligible Training Provider List \(ETPL\)](#) including training services subcontracted by an applicant's third party training provider.

Required documents: (Failure to provide them may result in an application not being considered for panel review.)

E1. Letter of Intent: To be considered for a FY2019 Skills Partnership grant, potential applicants are required to submit a [Letter of Intent](#) (LOI) via email to Skills@dol.nj.gov by the deadline shown on the [Schedule of Submission Dates](#). The LOI must include:

- Round #
- Legal business name of applicant
- NJ business address and phone number/website address
- County of NJ business
- Federal Employee Identification number (FEIN)
- Dun and Bradstreet number (DUNS)
- Name, title, signature, direct phone number and direct email address of the Authorized Official (AO).
- A brief description of the requested training
- Indication if the applicant is an individual employer or a consortium*.

* For consortium applicants only: In addition to the LOI, a list of participating companies must be submitted, which includes for each of the individual businesses:

- Business name
- Business Address
- FEIN
- Contact person name, email address and direct phone number

E2. Tax Clearance: Public Law 2007, c. 101 requires that as a precondition to the award of business assistance or incentive or as a component of the application for business assistance or incentive, a person or business seeking a grant, loan, loan guarantee, or other monetary or financial benefit from a department or agency of state government shall obtain a [Tax Clearance Certificate](#) from the director of the New Jersey Division of Taxation prior to the issuance of the grant, incentive or assistance. Tax Clearance certificates may be requested through the State of New Jersey's [Premier Business Services \(PBS\) portal](#) online. The use of the portal replaces the need for the paper application submission to the Division

of Taxation; the processing fee is also waived with the use of the portal. Each applicant will be able to print the necessary clearance certificate through their business's portal account.

E3. State of New Jersey W-9 Form: A completed State of New Jersey W-9 form must be on file with the New Jersey Department of Treasury. It is the applicants' responsibility to ensure this step is completed. Applicants may register with the New Jersey Department of the Treasury online at: www.njstart.gov. Failure to complete this step can delay or forfeit a grant award. *(Reimbursement checks are linked with the FEIN that is on file with the New Jersey Department of Treasury. As a result, reimbursement checks are mailed to this associated address.)*

E4. [The Development Subsidy Job Goals Accountability Act](#): Public Law 2007, c.200 requires that all applicants awarded a grant in excess of \$25,000 complete the [Development Subsidy Job Goals Accountability form](#). This form must be completed within 30 days after the State's fiscal year for a period of five years after the grant is awarded.

The law requires that if the company receiving financial assistance for training services relocates jobs out of state or outsources employee positions within three years following the ending date of the Skills Partnership - customized training contract, the company must return all monies provided by the state for customized training services.

E5. Skills Partnership Grant Process: The Authorized Official's must read and then sign the [FY 2019 Skills Partnership Training Program Conditions](#) confirming and acknowledging that they fully understand the terms and conditions of this entire process. The signed document must be uploaded under Miscellaneous Documents at the time the application is submitted for consideration.

E6. Program Reporting/Invoicing Requirements: Grantees must report training program outcomes and participant data on a monthly basis in the format described below. Monthly reports must be submitted electronically via SAGE (System to Administer Grants Electronically). On occasion, grantees may be additionally required to submit ad hoc reports on short notice. Any issues, concerns or delays the grantee experiences must be promptly communicated to LWD through the assigned Business Representative. *(Grantees must complete at least 30% of the training within the first six months of the contract's start date. Failure to comply may result in the de-obligation of the unexpended funds.)*

Grantees will be required to complete and submit three reports by the 10th day of each month:

1) **The Expenditure Report**

- a) Includes details of all expenses incurred during the prior month.
- b) Documentation ([sign-in sheets](#)) supporting the expenses must be uploaded and must include:
 - grantee name, grant number and grantee certification
 - consortium participant company names(s) – if applicable

- the date of training, time of course delivery and # of clock hours trained
 - the name of course and grant CTP number
 - the name and signature of the instructor, session and page numbers
 - the clearly printed or typed first and last name of each trainee (must be legible), trainee ID number and the original, verifiable signature of each trainee. Each sign-in sheet for each course must be original – NO PHOTOCOPIES, and must align with the Expenditure Report. If the names of trainees other than those on the accompanying Expenditure Report appear on sign-in sheets, the superfluous names must be redacted or the names that do appear on the Expenditure Report must be highlighted on the sign-in sheets.
- c) Request for reimbursement is submitted upon completion of the course and must align with the contract.
- d) Each month, an Expenditure Report must be submitted whether or not expenses were incurred.

2) **The Activity Report** ([dashboard](#)):

a. Includes all activities (class offerings, the number of classes/sessions provided, the number of clock hours for each class, and the number of employees trained) conducted under the grant during the prior month.

b. The FINAL Activity Report must be completed by the grantee.

3) **The Payment Voucher**

Grantees will be paid on a monthly cost reimbursement method after the Payment Voucher has been submitted, reviewed, and approved by the LWD.

Reimbursement rates fall into one of the following categories:

- Classroom Training – A **maximum rate** of up to \$200 per approved instructional hour **based on a minimum of 10 trainees per course**.
- On-the-Job Training – A **maximum of 50 percent** of wages for each approved trainee paid during the defined training period.

E7. Program Closeout Reporting Requirements:

A Final Activity Report must be submitted in SAGE **by the grantee** within 60 days of the contract end date. It should include level of satisfaction with the grant program, assessments of training outcomes, descriptions of barriers to meeting goals if applicable, best practices learned, and return on investment.

E8. Application Content and Checklist: To ensure consistency and fairness of evaluation, each applicant seeking funding must complete the application process which includes the components listed below. Failure to include the required documentation will result in the application being removed from consideration for funding.

Checklist	Page Number
The Authorized Official has created an account in SAGE has submitted a Letter of Intent and successfully submitted an Application in SAGE.	Page 6 (E-1) and Page 9
NJ Treasury Tax Clearance Certificate (Application for Tax Clearance) must be current within 180 days of application submittal (must be uploaded in SAGE)	Page 6 (E-2)
Have a completed State of New Jersey W-9 form on file with NJ Treasury. (To Register, go to at www.NJStart.gov) <i>It is the Applicant's responsibility to ensure this is completed. Failure to do so may result in forfeiture of grant award.</i>	Page 7 (E-3)
Completed Development Subsidy Job Goals Accountability Form, if applicable (Application form) (Must be uploaded into SAGE)	Page 7 (E-4)
The Authorized Official's signature on the FY 2019 Skills Partnership Training Program Conditions and uploaded into the application by the due date.	Page 7 (E-5)
P.L. 2017, c.22 gives preference in the consideration of applications for grants. If this is applicable, upload the explanation of how your company meets the criteria.	Page 5

F. Application Process

Step One: Determine who will serve as the **Authorized Official** (AO) for this grant application. The AO must:

- a. be authorized to enter into a contractual agreement on behalf of the company.
- b. read and understand the FY2019 Notice of Grant Opportunity (NGO).
- c. register (create an account) in the [System to Administer Grants Electronically \(SAGE\)](#) and submit a [Letter of Intent](#) (LOI) to apply for a 2019 Skills Partnership grant via email to skills@dol.nj.gov (see [Schedule of Submission](#) Dates).

and, should a grant be awarded:

- be available to work with LWD staff to finalize and modify the contract if needed.
- ensure that training is conducted as planned and accurately billed.
- commit to retain trainees for at least six months after training is completed.
- ensure that any new job openings are listed with the local One-Stop Career Center.
- personally complete the Final Activity Report to give feedback and close the grant.

After successful registration/LOI submission, the Skills Partnership team will contact the AO, grant access to an online application in SAGE, and assign a Business Representative who will:

- *Help determine supportable training needs and the best course of action to achieve training objectives.*
- *Provide technical assistance during the application process and throughout the timeframe of the grant, if awarded.*
- *Serve as a resource for any and all issues or questions which arise during the application process and throughout the timeframe of the grant, if awarded.*

Step Two: Complete the online application in SAGE.

- a. The Skills Partnership team will contact the AO by email (or phone if issues arise) and grant access to an online application in SAGE. The AO may delegate completion of the application to another by giving access in SAGE, but should be aware that responsibility for the contract remains with the AO for the life of the grant.
- b. Once access is granted, log in to SAGE to complete the online application. The process includes uploading several required forms. The application, with all required forms uploaded to SAGE must be submitted no later than 12:00 Noon on the submission date for each round. *Please review the requirements (pages 6 - 8) and the checklist (page 9) to ensure the application is complete.*

REMINDER:

All applicants and their selected training providers are reminded that the business relationship established through the application process may result in a formal contract. This contract is between LWD and the grant applicant. Applicants may engage a third party agent for assistance in managing certain grant activities on their behalf, but the responsibility of working directly with LWD remains with the applicant. **LWD staff are available to assist grantees manage their own grant activities.**

Panel Review

The Skills Partnership Grants – Customized Training Grants Program is competitive. All completed applications submitted by the deadline date and time for each round will be reviewed and rated by a panel comprised of LWD representatives using a 100-point scale. All applications are subject to final approval by the Commissioner of the Department of Labor and Workforce Development.

Rating Criteria

1. The business(es) listed in the application have not received a grant in the prior three completed fiscal years. **(10 points)**
2. Businesses seeking training are registered by NAICS code in one of the identified [Targeted Industry Sectors](#). **(10 points)**
3. Narrative **(80 possible points)**
 1. Please explain why the requested training is necessary for your organization (specifically)
 - a. Please describe how the training need requested was determined. What is the specific business problem you are seeking to address and how do the selected courses assist the business in achieving a solution?
 - b. Please include as appropriate any organizational assessment(s) if any, which were used to determine the training needs and outline the decision points for selecting the courses proposed in the grant application.
 2. Skills Partnership Grants are expected to provide training that would otherwise not be able

to be conducted without grant assistance. Training requests are not to be for training that is required to be conducted on a regular basis or is considered to be standard business practice. Please describe the long range training plans your organization will follow to ensure training is sustainable beyond grant assistance.

3. Please explain how the proposed training will lead to **both** organizational performance improvement as well as front line employee growth. ***If your organization received a Skills Partnership Training grant in the past three years***, explain how the requested training differs from or builds upon training delivered through the previous grant.
4. Will the requested training result in any Industry Recognized credential(s)?
 - a. Will the credential(s) be obtained during the course of the training grant? (Yes or No and explain)
 - b. Please identify the credential(s) sought, the certifying entity and the requested courses which result in the attainment of the credential(s) within the timeframe of the grant.

G. Address to which applications must be submitted

Applications are submitted online, via SAGE at www.sage.nj.gov. Successful application submission will prompt a system-generated email. **Contact your Business Representative immediately if you do not receive an email confirming successful submission.**

H. Application Submission Date

The FY2019 Skill Partnership Grants Program will continue through the end of the fiscal year, unless all available grant funding is exhausted before June 30, 2019. **All decisions to accept and process grant applications will be based on the availability of funds.** The FY19 schedule for submission of completed applications and the panel review dates:

Schedule of Submission Dates

<u>FY2019 Round #</u>	<u>Letter of Intent</u> (SAGE registration/LOI submitted and accepted by LWD) 12:00 Noon	<u>Online Application</u> (Completed in SAGE with all required documents uploaded) 12:00 Noon	<u>Expected Panel Review</u> <u>Week of:</u>
1	7/26/2018	8/8/2018	8/27/2018
2	9/19/2018	10/3/2018	10/22/2018
3	11/21/2018	12/5/2018	TBD
4	1/23/2019	2/6/2019	TBD
5	3/20/2019	4/3/2019	TBD

Resources

Technical Assistance Workshop

**New Jersey
Department of Labor and Workforce Development
1 John Fitch Plaza – 13th Floor Auditorium
Trenton, NJ 08625**

Skills Partnership Grant Thursday, July 12, 2018

Sign in - 10:45am

Begins - 11:00am

**Pre-registration is required by 12 noon on
Monday, July 9, 2018.**

Visit the LWD Website to pre-register:

<https://lwd.state.nj.us/formsapp/form/177>

Seating is limited.

The Skills Partnership team is here to help through all phases of the grant process:

- Your assigned Business Representative is available for one-on-one technical assistance sessions. Please contact your assigned Business representative to schedule.
- The program process includes site visits from a Business Representative who will address your business needs by offering training consultation and recommendations, providing recruitment assistance and monitoring trainee satisfaction.
- The Skills Partnership Grants/Customized Training Unit Help Desk may be reached 8am to 4pm, Monday through Friday by email at Skills@dol.nj.gov or by phone at (609) 633-6799.

I. Date by which applicants shall be notified whether they will receive funds under the grant program

Within 30 business days following the panel review date, applicants will be notified of the status of their application and any requested revisions. **Round 2 notifications may be delayed.** Upon completion of all requested revisions and re-submission of completed applications within the required timeframes, applicants will be notified of the final determination of their request when LWD's internal finalization processes have been completed.

Notice of Grant Opportunity Appendix

Grant Proposal Forms

SKILLS PARTNERSHIP GRANTS

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ATTACHMENT A

Standard Assurances and Certifications

ASSURANCES AND CERTIFICATIONS

The grantor will not award a grant where the grantee has failed to accept the ASSURANCES AND CERTIFICATIONS contained in this section. In performing its responsibilities under this agreement the grantee hereby certifies and assures that it will fully comply with the following:

- 1) Assurances Non-Construction Programs (SF 424 B)
- 2) Debarment and Suspension Certification (29 CFR Part 98)
- 3) Certification Regarding Lobbying (29 CFR Part 93)
- 4) Drug Free Workplace Certification (29 CFR Part 98)
- 5) Nondiscrimination and Equal Opportunity Assurance (29 CFR Part 38)
- 6) Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirement for Federal Awards (2 CFR Part 200)

By signing the agreement the grantee is providing the above assurances and certifications as detailed below:

1) ASSURANCES NON-CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS

NOTE: Certain assurances may not be applicable to your project or program. If you have questions, please contact the grantor agency.

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant:

- A) Has the legal authority to apply for federal assistance and the institutional managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-federal share of project costs) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of the project described in this application.
- B) Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States, and if appropriate, the state, through any authorized representative, access to and the right to examine all records, books, papers or documents related to the award; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles or agency directives.
- C) Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.
- D) Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
- E) Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. 4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards for merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of Office of Personnel Management's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 CFR 900, Subpart F).
- F) Will comply with all federal statutes relating to nondiscrimination. These include, but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq. (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. 1681-1683, and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. 794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. 6101- 6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972, 21 U.S.C. 1101 et seq. (P.L. 92-255) as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970, 21 U.S.C. 801 et seq. (P.L. 91-616) as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) sections 523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 290 dd-2), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) the

Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008 which prohibits discrimination on the basis of genetic information; (j) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for federal assistance is being made; and (k) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.

- G) Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, 42 U.S.C. 4601 et seq. (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of federal or federally assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of federal participation in purchases.
- H) Will comply with the provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. 1501-1508 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with federal funds.
- I) Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 276a to 276a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. 276c and 18 U.S.C. 874) and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 327-333), regarding labor standards for federally assisted construction subagreements.
- J) Will comply, if applicable, with Flood Insurance Purchase Requirements of section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, 42 U.S.C. 4001 et seq. (P.L. 93-234) which requires recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is \$10,000 or more.
- K) Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq. (P. L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in flood plains in accordance with EO 11988; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved state management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1451 et. seq.); (f) conformity of federal actions to state (Clear Air) implementation plans under section 176(c) of the Clear Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974 as amended, 42 U.S.C. 300f et seq. (P.L. 93-523); and (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq. (P.L. 93-205).
- L) Will comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. 1271 et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.
- M) Will assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470), EO 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties) and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. 469a-1 et seq.).
- N) Will comply with P.L. 93-348 regarding the protection of human subjects involved in research, development and related activities supported by this award of assistance.
- O) Will comply with the Laboratory Animal Welfare Act of 1966 (P.L. 89-544), as amended, (7 U.S.C. 2131 et seq.) pertaining to the care, handling and treatment of warm blooded animals held for research, teaching or other activities supported by this award of assistance.
- P) Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. 4801 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.
- Q) Will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (78 FR 78589).
- R) Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other federal laws, executive orders, regulations and policies governing this program.
- S) Will comply with the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act requiring recipients and subrecipients of federal financial assistance to obtain a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number and will report the DUNS number to the grantor as a condition of receiving a federal grant or award. Furthermore the grantee must be registered in the federal System for Award Management (SAM) and continue to maintain

an active SAM registration with current information at all times during which the term of this grant or award is in effect. Furthermore no contract, award, subgrant will be made by the grantee to another party if said party is listed in the Excluded Parties List System in the federal SAM.

2) CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS

As required by EO 12549, Debarment and Suspension, and implemented at 34 CFR Part 85, for prospective participants in primary covered transactions, as defined at 34 CFR Part 85, sections 85.105 and 85.110.

The prospective primary participant certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief that it and its principals:

- A) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any federal department or agency or the state of New Jersey.
- B) Have not within a three year period preceding this proposal been convicted or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain or performing a public (federal, state or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of federal or state antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements or receiving stolen property.
- C) Are not presently indicted or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a government entity (federal, state or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph B of this certification; and have not within a three year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions (federal, state or local) terminated for cause or default.
- D) Where the prospective primary participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal (or plan).
- E) Are not listed in the Excluded Parties List System in the federal SAM.

3) CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING

As required by 31 U.S.C. 1352 and implemented at 34 CFR Part 82, for the persons entering into a grant or cooperative agreement over \$100,000, as defined at 34 CFR Part 82, sections 82.105 and 82.110 that applicant certifies that:

The undersigned (i.e., grantee signatory) certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that:

- A) No federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any federal contract, the making of any federal grant, the making of any federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment or modification of any federal contract, grant loan or cooperative agreement.
- B) If any funds other than federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with this federal contract, grant, loan or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form - LLL, Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying, in accordance with its instructions.
- C) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants and contracts under grants, loans and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by 31 U.S.C 1352. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

4) CERTIFICATION REGARDING DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE REQUIREMENTS

As required by the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, and implemented at 34 CFR Part 85, Subpart F, for grantees as

defined at 34 CFR Part 85, sections 85.605 and 85.610.

The grantee certifies that it will or will continue to provide a drug-free workplace by:

- A) Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the grantee's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition.
- B) Establishing an ongoing drug-free awareness program to inform employees about:
 - 1) The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
 - 2) The grantee's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
 - 3) Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation and employee assistance programs; and
 - 4) The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace.
- C) Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the grant be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph A.
- D) Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph A that as a condition of employment under the grant, the employee will:
 - 1) Abide by the terms of the statement; and
 - 2) Notify the employer in writing of his or her conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such conviction.
- E) Notifying the agency in writing, within 10 calendar days after receiving notice under subparagraph (D)(2) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction. Employers of convicted employees must provide notice, including position title, to every grant officer or other designee on whose grant activity the convicted employee was working, unless the federal agency has designated a central point for the receipt of such notices. Notice shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant.
- F) Taking one of the following actions, within 30 calendar days of receiving notice under subparagraph (D)(2), with respect to any employee who is so convicted:
 - 1) Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; or
 - 2) Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a federal, state or local health, law enforcement or other appropriate agency.
- G) Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of paragraphs A, B, C, D, E and F.

5) NONDISCRIMINATION AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY ASSURANCE

As a condition to the award of financial assistance from LWD, the grant applicant assures that it will comply fully with the nondiscrimination and equal opportunity provisions of the following laws:

- A) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color and national origin.
- B) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, which prohibits discrimination against qualified individuals with disabilities.
- C) The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age.
- D) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in educational programs.

- E) The Americans with Disabilities Act (P.L. 101-336) which prohibits discrimination based on disabilities in the areas of employment, public services, transportation, public accommodations and telecommunications. It requires all affected entities to provide *reasonable accommodation* to persons with disabilities.
- F) Section 188 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 (WIOA), which prohibits discrimination against all individuals in the United States on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, political affiliation or belief, and against beneficiaries on the basis of either citizenship/status as a lawfully admitted immigrant authorized to work in the United States or participation in any WIOA Title I-financially assisted program or activity.
- G) The grant applicant also assures that it will comply with 29 CFR Part 38 and all other regulations implementing the laws listed above. The grant applicant understands that the United States has the right to seek judicial enforcement of this assurance.

6) UNIFORM ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS, COST PRINCIPLES AND AUDIT REQUIREMENTS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS (2 CFR PART 200)

As a condition to the award of Federal financial assistance, the recipient or subrecipient assures that it will fully abide by all regulations of 2 CFR Chapter I, Chapter II, Part 200

The grantee may insert in the space provided below the site(s) for the performance of work done in connection with the specific grant.

Place of Performance (Street address, city, county, state, ZIP code)

Check () if there are workplaces on file that are not identified.

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I hereby certify that the applicant will comply with the above certifications.

Printed Name and Title **Signature**

Date

General Provisions

DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this document, the following definitions apply:

- Grantor is defined as the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development, which is also referred to as LWD.
- Grantee is defined as any entity in direct receipt of funds by written instrument from LWD.
- Subgrantee is defined as any entity in receipt of funds from a grantee.
- Agreement refers to the contract with LWD, the General Provisions, and where applicable, the Standard Assurances and Certifications.

1) COMPLIANCE WITH EXISTING LAWS

- A) The grantee agrees to comply with all federal, state and municipal laws, rules and regulations generally applicable to the activities in which the grantee is engaged in performance of this agreement.
- B) These laws, rules and regulations include, but are not limited to the following:
- 1) Federal Office of Management and Budget (OMB) documents: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/circulars>.
 - 2) New Jersey Department of the Treasury, Office of Management and Budget documents:
 - (a) Circular Letter 15-08-OMB, Single Audit Policy for Recipients of Federal Grants, State Grants and State Aid: http://www.state.nj.us/infobank/circular/cir1508_omb.pdf.
 - (b) State Grant Compliance Supplement: <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/omb/publications/grant/index.shtml>.
 - 3) State Affirmative Action Legal Citations: The grantee agrees to comply with and to require subgrantees to comply with N.J.A.C. 17:27, applicable provisions of N.J.S.A. 10:5 et al., P.L. 1975, c. 127 and all implementing regulations.

Customized Training - Where funding is provided in whole or in part from the Workforce Development Partnership (WDP) fund, the grantee assures and agrees that it will fully comply with the requirements of the New Jersey Employment and Workforce Development Act (P.L. 1992 c. 43) and state regulations and directives governing this program. These requirements include the following assurances:

- 1) The grantee assures that it will fully comply with all federal and state laws regarding child labor, wages, workplace and classroom safety, health standards and other laws.
- 2) The grantee agrees that if it relocates outside New Jersey or outsources employee positions within three years following the end date of the customized training contract, the grantee will promptly notify LWD and refund all money to LWD, including payments made to any subgrantee on its behalf.
- 3) The grantee agrees to retain only service providers located in the state of New Jersey to provide the customized training services funded under this agreement.

Failure to comply with the laws, rules and regulations shall be grounds for termination of this agreement.

2) NONDISCRIMINATION AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

The grantee agrees to comply with the nondiscrimination and equal opportunity provisions of the following laws:

- 1) Section 188 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), which prohibits discrimination against all individuals in the United States on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, political affiliation or belief and against beneficiaries on the basis of either citizenship/status as a lawfully admitted immigrant authorized to work in the United States or participation in any WIOA financially-assisted program or activity.
- 2) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color and national origin.
- 3) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, which prohibits discrimination against qualified individuals with disabilities.
- 4) The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age.
- 5) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in educational programs.
- 6) The Americans with Disabilities Act (P.L. 101-336) which prohibits discrimination based on disabilities in the areas of employment, public services, transportation, public accommodations and telecommunications. It requires all affected entities to provide reasonable accommodation to persons with disabilities.

- 7) The Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008 which prohibits discrimination on the basis of genetic information.
- 8) Any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for federal assistance is being made and the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.

The grantee also assures that it will comply with 29 CFR Part 38 and all other regulations implementing the laws listed above.

3) SPECIAL GRANT CONDITIONS FOR HIGH RISK GRANTEES

- A) A grantee may be considered high risk if LWD determines that a grantee:
 - 1) Has a history of unsatisfactory performance;
 - 2) Is not financially stable;
 - 3) Has a financial management system which does not meet the standards set forth in section 4;
 - 4) Has not conformed to terms and conditions of previous awards; and
 - 5) Is otherwise not responsible.
- B) When LWD determines that an award will be made; special conditions and/or restrictions shall correspond to the high risk condition and shall be included in the award. Special conditions and/or restrictions may include:
 - 1) Payment on a reimbursement basis;
 - 2) Withholding authority to proceed to the next phase until receipt or evidence of acceptable performance within a given funding period;
 - 3) Requiring additional, more detailed financial reports;
 - 4) Additional project monitoring;
 - 5) Requiring the grantee to obtain technical or management assistance; and
 - 6) Establishing additional prior approvals.
- C) If LWD decides to impose such special conditions and/or restrictions, an LWD official will notify the grantee as soon as possible, in writing, of:
 - 1) The nature of the special conditions and/or restrictions;
 - 2) The reason(s) for imposing the special conditions and/or restrictions;
 - 3) The corrective actions that must be taken before the special conditions and/or restrictions will be removed by LWD and the time allowed for completing the corrective actions; and
 - 4) The method of requesting reconsideration of the special conditions and/or restrictions imposed.

4) FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

- A) The grantee shall be responsible for maintaining an adequate financial management system and will immediately notify LWD when the grantee cannot comply with the requirements established in this section of the grant.
- B) The grantee's financial management system shall provide for:

- 1) Financial Reporting:

Accurate, current and complete disclosure of the financial results of each grant in conformity with generally accepted principles of accounting and reporting in a format that is in accordance with the financial reporting requirements of the grant;

- 2) Accounting Records:

Records that adequately identify the source and application of funds for LWD-supported activities. These records must contain information pertaining to grant awards and authorizations, obligations, unobligated balances, assets, liabilities, outlays or expenditures and income;

3) Internal Control:

Effective internal and accounting controls over all funds, property and other assets. The grantee shall adequately safeguard all such assets and assure that they are used solely for authorized purposes;

4) Budget Control:

Comparison of actual expenditures or outlays with budgeted amounts for each grant. Also, the relationship of the financial information with performance or productivity data, including the development of unit cost information required by LWD;

5) Allowable Costs:

Procedures for determining reasonableness, allowability and allocability of costs generally consistent with the provisions of federal and state requirements;

6) Source Documentation:

Accounting records that are supported by source documentation; and

7) Cash Management:

Procedures to minimize the time elapsing between the advance of funds from LWD and the disbursement by the grantee, whenever funds are advanced by LWD.

C) LWD may require the submission of a Statement of Adequacy of the Accounting System, as provided in Chapter II-2 of the **One-Stop Comprehensive Financial Management Technical Assistance Guide**, available at http://www.doleta.gov/grants/pdf/FinalTAG_August_02.pdf.

D) LWD may review the adequacy of the financial management system of any applicant as part of a pre-award review or at any time subsequent to the award. If LWD determines that the grantee's accounting system does not meet the standards described in paragraph B above, additional information to monitor the grant may be required by LWD upon written notice to the grantee, until such time as the system meets with LWD approval.

5) ALLOWABLE COSTS

Funds expended in this project shall be those as stated in the agreement for the purposes and functions outlined, unless changed by an approved modification. The grantee shall be entitled only to reimbursement for actual expenses incurred or obligated during the agreement period or during an approved extension agreed upon by the grantee and LWD, and only in the amount specified in the agreement. All obligations shall be liquidated by the period provided in the agreement and per federal and state requirements.

Grantees who are government, educational or nonprofit organizations must comply with federal cost principles as established in the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards. These regulations establish government-wide cost principles, including a requirement that salaries and wages charged to this agreement be supported by appropriate personnel activity reports and meet the requirements of 2 CFR 200.430(i) Standards for Documentation of Personal Expenses.

The grantee is responsible for the proper withholding and payment of employment-related taxes for any individual hired or otherwise employed by the grantee who meets the definition of employee in accordance with N.J.S.A. 43:21-19(i)(6). Should any funds under this agreement be used for the purpose of satisfying any grantee or subgrantee pooled costs (i.e., general and administrative or indirect), it is the sole responsibility of the grantee to provide documentation substantiating such cost. It is incumbent upon the grantee to provide sufficient documentation regarding such requests including documentation of its development and components and approval by the appropriate cognizant agency. LWD reserves the right to cap and deny any requests associated with pooled costs (i.e., general and administrative or indirect). Funding of the budgeted amount of the pooled costs in this agreement does not imply approval by LWD of the amount or method of calculation.

6) MATCHING AND COST SHARING

The grantee shall be required to account to the satisfaction of LWD for matching and cost sharing requirements in accordance with the agreement and federal and state requirements.

7) PROGRAM INCOME

Program income shall be defined as gross income earned by the grantee from grant-supported activities. Such earnings include, but will not be limited to, income from service fees, sale of commodities, usage or rental fees and royalties on patents and copyrights.

- A) If a grantee receives interest earned of \$250 or more in a fiscal year on advances of grant funds, see Chapter II-7-3 of the **One-Stop Comprehensive Financial Management Technical Assistance Guide**.
- B) Unless otherwise provided or specified, the grantee shall have no obligation to LWD with respect to royalties received as a result of copyrights or patents produced under the grant.
- C) All other program income earned during the grant period shall be retained by the grantee and used in accordance with Chapter II-7 of the **One-Stop Comprehensive Financial Management Technical Assistance Guide**.

8) PRICE WARRANTY

The grantee warrants that the prices agreed upon are not less favorable than those currently extended to any other customer for the same or similar articles in similar quantities. The grantee extends the same terms and conditions as extended to its most favored customers and final price includes all common reductions for discounts, rebates or other incentives. All goods procured under this agreement shall be name brand, first quality, new parts, unless otherwise specified.

9) PAYMENT METHOD

- A) Payments to the grantee or on behalf of the grantee shall be issued only after the agreement has been executed. The grantee will provide sufficient documentation that action has been taken to carry out the terms and conditions of the agreement. Upon receipt of the requisite financial and narrative reports and other forms required by LWD and upon appropriate certification by the director of finance and accounting of LWD, LWD will pay the grantee per the agreement's payment schedule.
- B) A Payment Voucher (Form PV 6/93) form will be submitted in a form satisfactory to LWD, with supporting documentation that the contracted services are operational and will continue to be for the period specified in the agreement. At its discretion, LWD may request additional reports.

10) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

The grantee agrees to provide all reports specified in the agreement within the established timeframe and to the satisfaction of LWD. Financial reports are to be reported on the accrual basis of accounting.

11) STATE MONITORING, EVALUATION AND AUDIT

The following sections A to E pertain to all governmental, non-profit organizations and for-profit organizations:

- A) The grantee agrees to cooperate with any monitoring, evaluation and/or audit conducted by LWD or their designees and authorized agents.
- B) The grantee will maintain its records and accounts in such a way as to facilitate the preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and the audits thereof and ensure that subgrantees also maintain records which are auditable. The grantee is responsible for any disallowed costs resulting from any audit exceptions incurred by its own organization or that of its subgrantees.
- C) LWD reserves the right to build upon the audit received. Interim audits may be conducted at the discretion of LWD.

- D) The grantee agrees to provide full access to their books and records and to submit to any audit or review of financial and compliance requirements of LWD.
- E) The grantee agrees to include in the engagement letter or agreement with any independent audit firm language that LWD is granted access to any and all workpapers that support or address any and all findings that are in regards to LWD funds.

The following sections F to M pertain to all governmental and non-profit organizations:

- F) All grantees that expend \$750,000 or more in federal financial assistance or state financial assistance within their fiscal year must have annual single audits or program-specific audits performed in accordance with Subpart F – Audit Requirements of the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards and state policy.
- G) All grantees that expend less than \$750,000 in federal or state financial assistance within their fiscal year, but expend \$100,000 or more in state and/or federal financial assistance within their fiscal year, must have either a financial statement audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards (Yellow Book) or a program-specific audit performed in accordance with Subpart F – Audit Requirements of the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards and state policy.
- H) Program-specific audits in accordance with Subpart F – Audit Requirements of the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards can be elected when a grantee expends federal or state awards under only one federal or state program and the federal or state program's statutes, regulations, or terms and conditions of the grant award do not require a financial statement audit of the recipient.
- I) All grantees that expend less than \$100,000 in federal or state financial assistance within their fiscal year, but expend \$50,000 or more in federal or state financial assistance within their fiscal year must have a special report applying agreed upon procedures including, but not limited to, reviewing and testing the cost and expenses incurred for which reimbursement was requested to determine their propriety under the contract and review of the training records which substantiate training was completed in accordance with the contracts. The procedures to be followed will be provided by the department's Office of Internal Audit.
- J) Although Subpart F – Audit Requirements allows specific provisions for biennial audits; state policy continues to require all audits to be performed on an annual basis.
- K) In addition to federal-required reports and opinions, grantee single audits must contain similar reports and opinions for state funds.
- L) Grantee single audit reports must include a supplementary schedule of the entity's state grant and state financial assistance programs. This schedule must show for each program:
 - State Grantor Organization;
 - Program Title/Name;
 - State Grant Award Number or Account Number;
 - Grant Award Period;
 - Fiscal Year Grant Expenditures;
 - Total Grant Expenditures to Date.

The following section M pertains to for-profit organizations:

- M) All grantees that expend \$50,000 or more in federal or state financial assistance within their fiscal year must have either:
 - A grant specific audit in accordance with Government Auditing standards (Yellow Book), or;
 - A financial audit report conducted under generally accepted auditing standards which includes a separate report on compliance with contractual provisions, or;

- A special report applying agreed upon procedures including, but not limited to, reviewing and testing the cost and expenses incurred for which reimbursement was requested to determine their propriety under the contract and review of the training records which substantiate training was completed in accordance with the contracts. The procedures to be followed will be provided by the Department's Office of Internal Audit.

12) RECORDS

The grantee agrees to collect, maintain and, upon request, report equal opportunity information, including sex, age, disability, ethnicity, and race, for all individuals who apply for benefits or services financially assisted by the program. Such records must include, but are not limited to, records on applicants, registrants, eligible applicants and registrants, participants, ex-participants, employees and applicants for employment. The grantee agrees to record the race, ethnicity, sex, age and where known, disability status of every applicant, registrant, eligible applicant and registrant, participant, ex-participant, applicant for employment and employee. The grantee further agrees to comply with the requirements of 2 C.F.R 200.79 and 2 C.F.R 200.82 which governs the use of personally identifiable information (PII). Such information must be stored in a manner that ensures confidentiality and must be used only for the purposes of recordkeeping and reporting; determining eligibility, where appropriate; determining the extent to which the grantee is operating the program or activity in a nondiscriminatory manner; or other use authorized by law. Where designation of individuals by race or ethnicity is required, the guidelines of the Office of Management and Budget must be used.

Retention – The grantee agrees to maintain all records pertinent to all grants, contracts and agreements, including financial, statistical, property and participant records and supporting documentation for a period of seven years from the date of the final expenditure report. The aforementioned records will be retained beyond the seven years if any litigation or audit is begun or if a claim is instituted involving the grant or agreement covered by the records. In these instances, the records will be retained until the litigation, audit or claim has been finally resolved. The grantee agrees to insure that subgrantees retain records in accordance with these requirements. In the event of the termination of the relationship between grantee and subgrantees, the grantee shall be responsible for the maintenance and retention of the records of any subgrantees unable to retain them.

Access – LWD may investigate any matter it deems necessary to determine compliance with state policy and/or procedures. The investigations authorized by this provision may include examining records (including making certified copies thereof), questioning employees and entering any premises or onto any site in which any part of a program of the grantee is conducted or in which any of the records of the grantee are kept.

13) PROCUREMENT STANDARDS

Procurement of supplies, equipment and other services with funds provided by this agreement shall be accomplished in a manner generally consistent with federal and state requirements.

Adherence to the standards contained in the applicable federal and state laws and regulations does not relieve the grantee of the contractual responsibilities arising under its procurements. The grantee is the responsible authority, without recourse to LWD, regarding the settlement and satisfaction of all contractual and administrative issues arising out of procurement entered in support of a grant.

14) PROPERTY

The grantee is responsible and accountable for all equipment and property purchased with funds under this agreement, including purchases made by any subgrantee receiving payments on behalf of the grantee. A current inventory of such property and equipment, with a value of \$1,000 or more, shall be maintained by the grantee. Procedures for property records are outlined in the state of New Jersey Treasury Circular 11-19, <http://www.state.nj.us/infobank/circular/cir1119b.pdf>, and the grantee shall follow those procedures. The grantee agrees to provide the same security and safekeeping measures for property paid for under this agreement as the grantee provides for the same or similar property owned by the grantee. The grantee agrees to impose similar conditions upon any subgrantee engaged to provide services under this agreement.

All documents, patents, copyrights, data, studies, surveys, drawings, maps, models, photographs, films, duplicating plates, reports, plans and other materials prepared by the grantee in connection with the project are the property of LWD. Such material will be delivered to LWD upon request.

If the project is funded under WDP, all documents, patents, copyrights, data, studies, surveys, drawings, maps, models,

photographs, films, duplicating plates, reports, plans and other materials prepared by the grantee in connection with the grant are the property of said grantee. However, LWD retains the authority to review such material for the limited purpose of determining the extent and quality of performance under the grant. Such materials shall be reviewed by LWD upon notice given to the grantee and shall promptly be made available to LWD for inspection. LWD agrees to take all reasonable steps necessary to safeguard the grantee's proprietary interest in these materials.

In addition, if the aforementioned items are developed pursuant to a grant or contract funded in whole or in part by federal funds, the federal agency which provided the funds reserves a paid-up, nonexclusive and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish or otherwise use, and to authorize others to use for federal purposes: i) the copyright in all products developed under the grant, including a subgrant or contract under the grant or subgrant, and ii) and rights of copyright to which the grantee, subgrantee or a contractor purchases ownership under an award (including but not limited to curricula, training models, technical assistance products, and any related materials). Such uses include, but are not limited to, the right to modify and distribute such products worldwide by any means, electronically or otherwise. If applicable, the following needs to be on all products developed in whole or in part with grant funds in accordance with the WIOA Annual Financial Agreement:

This workforce product was funded by a grant awarded by the U.S. Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration. This product was created by the grantee and does not necessarily reflect the official position of the U.S. Department of Labor. The Department of Labor makes no guarantees, warranties, or assurances of any kind, express or implied, with respect to such information, including any information on linked sites and including, but not limited to, accuracy of the information or its completeness, timeliness, usefulness, adequacy, continued availability, or ownership. This product is copyrighted by the institution that created it. Internal use by an organization and/or personal use by an individual for non-commercial purposes are permissible. All other uses require the prior authorization of the copyright owner.

15) TRAVEL AND CONFERENCES

Conferences or seminars conducted by the grantee shall be held at the grantee's facilities or at public facilities whenever possible. The rate of reimbursement for mileage allowed for employees of the grantee or subgrantee(s) traveling by personal automobile on official business shall be the rate set by the grantee's policies that are in effect at the time of travel and may not exceed the Internal Revenue Service's standard mileage rate in effect at the time of the travel. If the grantee has an executed collective bargaining agreement, the mileage rate shall not exceed the current Internal Revenue Service's standard mileage rate. The current standard mileage rate can be found at the following website: <http://www.irs.gov/Tax-Professionals/Standard-Mileage-Rates>.

Reimbursements for meals, lodging and travel shall be in accordance with the grantee or subgrantee(s) written travel reimbursement policies not to exceed [Federal](#) per diem rates in effect at the time of the travel. The current per diem rates can be found at the following website: <http://www.gsa.gov/portal/category/100120>.

16) SUBCONTRACTING

The grantee will perform all terms and conditions of this agreement unless a provision allowing the subcontracting of work is contained in the agreement. All terms and conditions applicable to the grantee apply to any subcontractors or third parties hired by the grantee. None of the work or services covered by this agreement shall be contracted or subcontracted without the prior written approval of LWD. Any work or services contracted or subcontracted out hereunder shall be specified in detail by written contract or subcontract. The grantee agrees to impose similar conditions upon any subgrantee to ensure their compliance with all the terms and conditions of this agreement. LWD *retains the authority to review and approve or disapprove all contracts or subcontracts executed to provide the services for which the funds are being provided. At LWD's request, the grantee will promptly forward copies of any contracts or subcontracts and fiscal, programmatic and other material pertaining to said subgrantee.

17) MODIFICATIONS

Modification to the agreement will be made in accordance with procedures prescribed by LWD effective at the time of submission of the modification.

- A) The grantee agrees to submit a written modification for approval prior to changing any budget line item contained in this agreement.
- B) LWD and grantee agree to make any changes to this agreement only through a written modification.

C) All modifications to this agreement will be appended to and become part of this agreement.

18) DISPUTES

The grantee agrees to attempt to resolve disputes arising from this agreement by administrative process and negotiations in lieu of litigation. The grantee assures performance of this agreement while any dispute is pending.

Any dispute which is not settled by informal means shall be decided by LWD, who shall reduce the decision to writing and mail or otherwise furnish a copy thereof to the grantee. The grantee shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard and to offer evidence in support of its position. Pending final decision of a dispute hereunder, the grantee shall proceed diligently with the performance under the agreement.

The dispute resolution mechanism described in this section is not exclusive. LWD and grantee preserve all rights in law and equity to pursue any claims that may arise.

This agreement shall be governed by and construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the state of New Jersey.

19) SEVERABILITY

If any one or more provisions of the agreement are finally adjudicated to be unlawful or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, then this agreement shall be construed as if such unlawful provisions had not been contained herein.

20) TERMINATION

A) Termination for Convenience – LWD or grantee may request a termination for any reason. LWD or grantee shall give 90 days' advance notice, in writing, to the other parties to this agreement of the effective date of such termination. The grantee shall be entitled to receive just and equitable compensation for any services satisfactorily performed hereunder through the date of termination.

B) Termination for Cause – LWD may terminate this agreement when it has determined that the grantee has failed to provide the services specified, or has failed to comply with any of the provisions contained in this agreement or approved application, or otherwise breached the terms of this agreement. If the grantee fails to perform in whole or in part under this agreement, or fails to make sufficient progress so as to endanger performance, or otherwise breaches the terms of this agreement, LWD will notify the other parties to this agreement of such unsatisfactory performance or breach in writing. The grantee has 10 working days in which to respond with a plan agreeable to LWD for correction of the deficiencies. If the grantee does not respond within the appointed time with corrective plans satisfactory to LWD, LWD will serve a termination notice on the grantee which will become effective within 10 days after receipt. In the event of such termination, LWD shall only be liable for payment for services rendered prior to the effective date of the termination, provided such services are performed in accordance with the provisions of this agreement.

C) Termination or Reduction of Funds

1) The grantee agrees that major changes to this agreement, both in terms of program content and funding levels, may be required prior to its implementation or during the term of its operations due to new or revised legislation or regulations. The grantee agrees that any such changes deemed necessary by the commissioner of LWD shall be immediately incorporated into this agreement.

2) Unearned payments under this agreement may be suspended or terminated upon refusal to accept or satisfy any additional conditions that may be imposed by LWD at any time.

21) CONTRACT CLOSEOUT

A) The following definitions shall apply for the purpose of this section:

- 1) Contract Closeout – The closeout of an agreement is the process by which LWD determines that all applicable administrative actions and all required work of the agreement have been completed by the grantee.
 - 2) Date of Completion – The date by which all activities under the agreement are completed, or the expiration date in the grant award document, or any supplement or amendment thereto.
- B) The grantee shall submit a closeout package per the terms of the agreement, unless otherwise extended by LWD, after completion of the agreement period or termination of the agreement. Closeout forms will be supplied by LWD.
 - C) The grantee will, together with the submission of the closeout package, refund to LWD any unexpended funds or unobligated (unencumbered) cash advances except such sums as have been otherwise authorized, in writing, by LWD to be retained.
 - D) Within the limits of the agreement amount, LWD may make a settlement for any upward or downward adjustments of costs after the final reports are received.
 - E) The grantee is responsible for those costs found to be disallowed, including those of any subgrantee paid from funds under this agreement, and LWD retains the right to recover any appropriated amount after fully considering the recommendations on disallowed costs resulting from the final audit, even if a final audit has not been performed prior to the closeout of the agreement.
 - F) The grantee shall account for any property received from LWD or acquired with funds under this grant, including any property received or acquired by a subgrantee under this grant.

22) PERFORMANCE

The grantee assures performance will be in accordance with, and within the period of, this agreement and will immediately report any conditions that may adversely affect performance to LWD as soon as they become known. Any fraud or suspected fraud involving granted funds must be reported to LWD within 48 hours of its discovery.

23) CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

The grantee shall avoid organizational conflicts of interest or the appearance of conflicts of interest in the conduct of procurement activities. Any gratuities offered by the grantee, its agent or representative to any officer, director or employee of LWD with a view toward securing this agreement or securing favorable treatment with respect to the awarding, amending or the making of any determination will render the agreement voidable at the option of LWD, and may justify further action under applicable state and/or federal laws.

24) BONDING AND INSURANCE

The grantee shall ensure that every officer, director or employee who is authorized to act on behalf of the grantee for the purpose of receiving funds into program accounts or issuing financial documents, checks or other instruments of payment is bonded to provide protection against loss.

25) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

The grantee shall recognize and agree that both the initial provision of funding and the continuation of such funding under the agreement is expressly dependent upon the availability to LWD of funds appropriated by the state Legislature from state and/or federal revenue or such other funding sources as may be applicable. A failure of LWD to make any payment under this agreement or to observe and perform any condition on its part to be performed under the agreement as a result of the failure of the Legislature to appropriate shall not in any manner constitute a breach of the agreement by LWD or an event of default under the agreement and LWD shall not be held liable for any breach of the agreement because of the absence of available funding appropriations. In addition, future funding shall not be anticipated from LWD beyond the duration of the award period set forth in the agreement and in no event shall the agreement be construed as a commitment by LWD to expend funds beyond the termination date set in the agreement.

26) LIABILITY

This agreement is subject to all of the provisions of the New Jersey Tort Claims Act, N.J.S.A. 59:1-1 et seq., the New Jersey Contractual Liability Act, N.J.S.A. 59:13-1 et seq. and the availability of appropriations.

The state of New Jersey does not carry any public liability insurance, but the liability of the state of tort claims against its employees is covered under the terms and provisions of the New Jersey Tort Claims Act. The act also creates a special self-insurance fund and provides for payment of claims against the state of New Jersey or against its employees for tort claims arising out of the performance of their duties for which the state is obligated to indemnify.

The grantee shall be solely responsible for and shall keep, save and hold the state of New Jersey harmless from all claims, loss, liability, expense or damage resulting from all mental or physical injuries or disabilities, including death to its employees or recipients of the grantee's services or to any other persons or from any damage to any property sustained in connection with the delivery of the grantee's services that results from any acts or omissions, including negligence or malpractice of any of its officers, directors, employees, agents, servants or independent contractors or from the grantee's failure to provide for the safety and protection of its employees, whether or not due to negligence, fault or default of the grantee. The grantee's responsibility shall also include all legal fees and costs that may arise from these actions. The grantee's liability under this agreement shall continue after the termination of this agreement with respect to any liability, loss, expense or damage resulting from acts occurring prior to termination.

Grant Specific Provisions

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I hereby certify that the applicant will comply with the above general provisions.

Printed Name and Title

Signature

Date

ATTACHMENT B

Dashboard				
Skills Partnership Grant Dashboard		Report Month: October Activity Report 2017		Report Date: 11/07/2017
Grant Leader: ABC Pharma Corp.		Grant Start Date: 08/01/2017		
Allocation Award: \$ 32,000		Grant End Date: 08/01/2019		
Purpose: ABC Pharma's customized training funds are being used to upgrade the skills of the current employees and/or train new employees in the targeted sector of Bio-Pharmaceutical; thereby, increasing the employer's productivity and competitiveness. The company's investment, with the assistance of this grant being utilized as seed funding into a new workforce development targeted training program is expected to result in the creation of new jobs, the retention of jobs and/or an increase in wages for the trained workers.				
Status Comments: 20 employees attended training in a 5S lean course (over 3 session) this month. Due to a production issue, the Problem Solving course needed to be rescheduled for next month. Overall, we are on target with our training plan to complete the delivery of the request/approved course within the next 7-months.				
192 of 500*				
<i>Single Employer applications only:</i>				
<u>Number of Jobs Created</u>	<u>Number of Jobs Retained</u>	<u>Number of Advancement</u>	<u>Comments</u>	
0	53	2	Training going well.	
Budget				
	Amount Available	Achievement to Date		Remaining Available Balance
		Total amount invoiced for the month	Year-to-Date Expended	
Funding Spend Down	\$29,250.00	\$1,600.00	\$4,350.00	27,650.00

ACHIEVEMENTS

Class List	# of Hours Planned	# of Hours Invoiced Previously	# of Hours Invoiced this Month	# of Students Planned	# of Students Invoiced Previously	# of Students Invoiced this Month	# of New Students Invoiced this Month	Balance of Hours Available	Balance of Students	Explanation
LEAN MANUFACTURING - CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT SMALL GROUP ACTIVITIES (CTP-1)	80	80		10	10			0	0	0 of 250
LEAN MANUFACTURING - CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT SMALL GROUP ACTIVITIES (CTP-2)	88	88		11	11			0	0	0 of 250
SIX SIGMA IMPLEMENTING METHODOLOGIES (CTP-3)	80	80		10	10			0	0	0 of 250
SUPERVISION AND MANAGEMENT (CTP-4)	80	80		10	10			0	0	0 of 250
INTERPERSONAL AND SOCIAL SKILLS GENERAL (CTP-5)	120			15				120	15	0 of 250
SUPERVISION AND MANAGEMENT (CTP-6)	80	80		10	10			0	0	0 of 250
SUPERVISION AND MANAGEMENT (CTP-7)	80		80	10		10	10	0	0	The training was completed as scheduled 40 of 250
FINANCE, GENERAL (CTP-8)	80			10				80	10	0 of 250
BUSINESS COMMUNICATIONS (CTP-9)	120	120		15	15			0	0	0 of 250
BUSINESS COMMUNICATIONS (CTP-10)	120			15					15	0 of 250
								0	0	0 of 250

LWD SKILLS PARTNERSHIP TRAINING GRANTS PROGRAM DATE OF TRAINING: ___/___/___

GRANTEE: _____ GRANT #: _____

Consortium Participant Company Name(s): _____
(if applicable)

NAME OF COURSE: _____ CTP #: _____

of CLOCK HOURS TRAINED: _____ TIME: _____ to _____ SESSION _____ of _____ PAGE _____ of _____

NAME OF INSTRUCTOR: _____ INSTRUCTOR'S SIGNATURE: _____
(print)

Grantee certification: The trainees listed below received training as billed on the accompanying Expenditure Report.

Grantee Signature: _____ Direct phone #: _____

	TRAINEE NAME <small>(Must be <u>clearly</u> printed or typed and must align with the Expenditure Report.)</small>	TRAINEE SIGNATURE <small>(Must be original – NO PHOTOCOPIES.)</small>	TRAINEE ID#	PARTICIPATING COMPANY <small>(if applicable)</small>
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Letter of Intent

State of New Jersey
 Department of Labor and Workforce Development
 PO Box 057 – 7th floor
 Trenton, NJ 08625-0057
skills@dol.nj.gov

RE: FY19 Skills Partnership Training Grant Program Round #_____

Please accept this letter as notice of my intention to apply for The New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development fiscal year 2019 Skills Partnership Grant. I have completed registration (created an account) in the System to Administer Grants Electronically (SAGE), and did read and do understand the Skills Partnership Grants – Customized Training Grant Program Notice of Grant Opportunity for the 2019 fiscal year, and am aware of my responsibilities as the Authorized Official.

Legal business name:	Federal Employee Identification # (FEIN):	Dun and Bradstreet # (DUNS):
NJ business address:	County of NJ business:	Business web address:
Name of Authorized Official:	Title of Authorized Official:	Direct phone # and email address of Authorized Official:
Brief description of requested training:		
Check one: <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Applicant <input type="checkbox"/> Consortium* Applicant	*For consortium applicants only: In addition to the Letter of Intent, a list of participating companies must be submitted, which includes for each of the individual businesses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Business name ▪ Business address ▪ FEIN ▪ Contact person name, email address and direct phone number 	

Signature of Authorized Official _____ Date _____

Email this completed form to skills@dol.nj.gov before the submission deadline date and time of the round for which you are applying.