

FY14 Promise Zone Benefits from Partnering Agencies

Agency: Department of Labor
Branch: Employment and Training Administration

Programs with PZ Benefits:
Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College
and Career Training Initiative (TAACCCT)

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Website: <http://www.doleta.gov/taaccct/>

Benefit Type: Grant Competition

Eligible Communities: Urban, Rural, and Tribal

Eligible Applicants: Community colleges and other public, proprietary or nonprofit educational institutions that offer programs that can be completed in two years and are accredited by an agency or association recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

Application Deadline: The application window closed on July 7, 2014.

Benefits to Promise Zone: Priority Consideration

Background: The Department is implementing TAACCCT in partnership with the U.S. Department of Education. The two Departments believe that the TAACCCT program plays a major role in helping America's community colleges and other higher education institutions drive changes in designing and delivering programs that provide career pathways to good jobs for adult workers and meet employer needs for highly skilled workers in growth industries.

Program Description: The TAACCCT program seeks to increase the number of workers who attain certificates, degrees, and other industry-recognized credentials, helping to meet President Obama's college graduation goal of increasing the percentage of adults with a post-secondary credential by 2020.

The goals of the program are to:

1. Increase attainment of degrees, certifications, certificates, diplomas, and other industry-recognized credentials that match the skills needed by employers to better prepare workers eligible for training under the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) for Workers Program ("TAA-eligible workers") of chapter 2 of title II of the Trade Act of 1974, 19 U.S.C. 2271-2323, and other adults for high-wage, high-skill employment or re-employment in growth industry sectors;
2. Introduce or replicate innovative and effective methods for designing and delivering instruction that address specific industry needs and lead to improved learning, completion, and other outcomes for TAA-eligible workers and other adults; and
3. Demonstrate improved employment outcomes.

Successful applicants will engage employers, regional industry organizations, national industry organizations (if applicable), State and local workforce boards, and educational and economic development entities. By fully engaging employers and industry organizations in activities such as project planning efforts, curriculum development, career pathway development, defining and mapping of competencies, credentials, and work-based training and hiring, the Department of Labor believes that TAACCCT can play a critical role in helping to build responsive and effective career pathways and training programs that align with current industry needs.

The Notice Inviting Applications for the Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training Initiative is available at: <https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2014/04/28/2014-09514/notice-of-availability-of-funds-and-solicitation-for-grant-applications-for-the-trade-adjustment>.