



# PRESENTATION TO THE MARYLAND GOVERNOR'S GRANTS CONFERENCE 2015

Employment and Training Administration- Region 2

# WIOA Overview- Refresher

- President Barack Obama signed WIOA into law on July 22, 2014.
- Passed by Congress with wide bipartisan majority (the Senate voted 93-5 and the House of Representatives voted 415-6).
- Broad vision of workforce programs: reaffirms ongoing role of American Job Centers and also requires coordination and alignment of key employment, education, and training programs



# WIOA Overview- Refresher

- Promotes program alignment at the Federal, State, local, and regional levels.
- Builds on proven practices such as sector strategies, career pathways, regional economic approaches, work-based training.
- Complements and supports the President's Job-Driven Workforce Vision and the Vice President's Job-Driven Training Report released on July 22, 2014. [www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/.../skills\\_report.pdf](http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/.../skills_report.pdf)



# What the Act Does....

- Aligns Federal investments to support job seekers
- Strengthens governing bodies
- Helps employers find workers with necessary skills
- Aligns goals and increases accountability
- Fosters regional collaboration
- Targets workforce services to better serve job seekers



# Update on WIOA Activities – Current ETA Activities

- DOL staff are currently reviewing comments and drafting responses to comments received regarding the NPRM.
- DOL staff are currently reviewing comments regarding the Information Collection Requests for:
  - Financial reporting
  - Performance reporting
  - State Plans

WIOA-related guidance and resources for States, local areas, non-profits and other grantees, and other stakeholders can be found at <http://www.doleta.gov/wioa/>.



# Update on WIOA Activities – Current ETA Activities

ETA has launched the Innovation and Opportunity Network, which houses our technical assistance activities for the system, as well as provides opportunities for the workforce system community to share information with each other on the progress they're making with WIOA. ION is <https://wioa.workforce3one.org>



# Where to go for WIOA Information...



# Funding Opportunities

## **Training to Work 3 - Adult Reentry: \$ 20 million**

This grant program is designed to strengthen the communities where the majority of ex-offenders return. These grants will provide training and employment for inmates age 18 and older participating in state and/or local work-release programs. The program focuses on training opportunities that lead to industry recognized credentials and job opportunities along career pathways. Adult programs help to develop strategies for career advancement and encourage life-long learning.

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# Funding Opportunities

## **Linking to Employment Activities Pre-Release (LEAP) Demonstration: \$5 Million Anticipated Funding Opportunity Announcement – Winter 2016**

The purpose of this program is to develop and operate specialized American Job Centers (AJCs) inside of correctional facilities to address the employment barriers of incarcerated offenders as they transition into the community and the workforce. LEAP centers will bridge the transition period and directly link participants to their local American Job Centers (AJCs) for a continuum of services upon release.



# Funding Opportunities

## **National Farmworker Jobs Program: \$81.8 Million**

### **Anticipated Funding Opportunity Announcement – Winter 2016**

The National Farmworker Jobs Program (NFJP) is designed to increase economic opportunities for migrant and seasonal farmworkers (MSFW) and their dependents through employment services, training and related assistance. NFJP works to counter chronic unemployment and underemployment experienced by MSFWs who depend primarily on jobs in agricultural labor performed within the United States and Puerto Rico. This grant program provides customized career and technical education, English literacy instruction, pesticide training, permanent housing, school dropout and recovery activities through public agencies and private non-profit organizations.



# Funding Opportunities

## **Senior Community Service Employment Program: \$430 million Anticipated Funding Opportunity Announcement – Winter 2016**

The Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) is a community service and work-based job training program for older Americans. The program provides training for low-income, unemployed seniors, who gain work experience in a variety of community service activities at non-profit and public facilities, including schools, hospitals, day-care centers, and senior centers. The NFJP is an integral part of the public workforce system and a partner in the nationwide network of American Job Centers (also referred to as one-stop centers).



# More Information

- WIOA Information:
  - <http://www.doleta.gov/wioa/>
  - <https://wioa.workforce3one.org>
  
- Grant opportunities:
  - [http://www.doleta.gov/grants/find\\_grants.cfm](http://www.doleta.gov/grants/find_grants.cfm).

