



Grants to States for Youth Activities

Purpose of the Grant

Formula grants to state and local employment and training service providers to enhance programs that prepare youth for employment and/or post-secondary education through linkages between academic and occupational learning

Priorities

Expanded summer youth employment opportunities during 2009 (30% of funding must be used to serve out-of-school youth); youth who are disconnected from education and the workforce; veterans and spouses

What Funds Are Available?

\$1.18 billion

What Agencies Will Receive the Funds?

State WIBs will pass funds to local WIBs and One-Stop Career Centers

- State WIB contacts: www.doleta.gov/usworkforce/statecon.cfm
- OSCCs: www.servicelocator.org and www.careeronestop.org

When to Apply

States have received allocations; funds to be obligated to local agencies by September 30, 2010 (ETA encourages obligation of funds by mid-April); process will vary by state

Some Allowable Expenses

- DOL Guidance Letter: http://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/corr_doc.cfm?DOCN=2728
- Youth activities under WIA are allowable with 2 changes: increase in age to 24; work readiness will determine effectiveness of summer employment
- Exposure to opportunities in 'green' educational and career pathways
- Integration of work and classroom learning
- Academic and occupational linkages
- Summer employment = any set of allowable youth services from May 1– Sept 30, if it includes work experience

How Does Cisco Networking Academy Fit In?

Cisco Networking Academy is creating a pipeline of talent that will fuel workforce development initiatives in support of economic recovery.

Networking Academy delivers:

- IT and networking skills mapped to high-skill, high-demand, high-wage jobs in virtually every industry
- sustainable partnerships with high schools and community colleges at the forefront of workforce development
- education and career pathways

What You Can Do NOW

- Meet with leaders at your local Workforce Investment Board
- Develop a project that uses Cisco® Networking Academy® to target preparing youth for employment and/or post-secondary education.
- Review the state-by-state Networking Academy Project 51 profile to get statistics on IT demands in your state
- Find tools to help with your grant on Cisco Networking Academy's **Economic Stimulus (ARRA) page** at http://www.cisco.com/web/learning/netacad/us/econ_stim.html, including the Cisco Grants Office Webinar schedule and recordings
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