



Technical Assistance Available for America's Promise Initiative Grantees

WASHINGTON, DC – June 2, 2017. U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) grantees now have access to dedicated or customized technical assistance and coaching for implementation of America's Promise Initiative-funded programs. These initiatives are a part of the DOL efforts to accelerate regional workforce partnerships and provide a pipeline of skilled workers to key sectors. America's Promise programs are focused on in-demand industries such as information technology, healthcare, advanced manufacturing, financial services, and educational services.

DOL selected High Impact Partners (HIP) to deliver TA and training. HIP is a full-service management consulting company located in the DC Metro area, specializing in grants and project management, technical assistance and training, and conference and meeting logistics. Partnering with HIP is the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC). AACC represents the nation's community colleges, a key provider of opportunities for workforce training and credentialing. Working together, the team will deliver high caliber technical assistance and grants management support to the America's Promise grantees.

Providers also include experts and skilled practitioners from the International Economic Development Council (IEDC) and the National Association of Workforce Boards (NAWB). They will provide subject matter expertise as part of the technical assistance menu of services. All partners involved will provide coaching services to America's Promise grantees throughout the four-year grant lifecycle.

The America's Promise grant program, authorized under Section 414 (c) of the American Competitiveness and Workforce Improvement Act of 1998 (ACWIA), as amended (29 USC 2916a), aims to expand opportunities for tuition-free education and training (up to two years) resulting in industry-recognized credentials and degrees, and careers in mid- to high-level positions.

For more information, please visit www.hipimpact.com.

About HIP

Founded in 2009, High Impact Partners (HIP) is a woman-owned, 8(a) certified small business. As a full-service management consulting firm, we provide a wide range of project and business management consulting services and solutions to federal government agencies, Fortune 500 companies, nonprofit organizations and foundations.

About AACC

As the voice of the nation's community colleges, the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC), delivers educational and economic opportunity for 12 million diverse students in search of the American Dream. Uniquely dedicated to access and success for all students, AACC's nearly 1,200 member colleges provide an on-ramp to degree attainment, skilled careers and family-supporting wages. Located in Washington, D.C., AACC advocates for these not-for-profit, public-serving institutions to ensure they have the resources and support they need to deliver on the mission of increasing economic mobility for all.

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About NAWB

NAWB represents approximately 550 Workforce Development Boards and their 12,000+ business members that coordinate and leverage workforce strategies with education and economic development stakeholders within their local communities, to ensure that state and local workforce development and job training programs meet the needs of employers.

About IEDC

The International Economic Development Council (IEDC) is a non-profit, non-partisan membership organization serving economic developers. With more than 5,000 members, IEDC is the largest organization of its kind. Economic developers promote economic well-being and quality of life for their communities, by creating, retaining and expanding jobs that facilitate growth, enhance wealth and provide a stable tax base. From public to private, rural to urban and local to international, IEDC's members are engaged in the full range of economic development experience. Given the breadth of economic development work, our members are employed in a wide variety of settings including local, state, provincial and federal governments, public-private partnerships, chambers of commerce, universities and a variety of other institutions. When we succeed, our members create high-quality jobs, develop vibrant communities, and improve the quality of life in their regions.

Quotes:

“Supporting the U.S. Department of Labor in equipping grantees with support, tools, resources and technical assistance to leverage regional workforce partnerships and employer partners in high-demand occupations is very exciting to us,” said Susan Shorters, President and CEO of HIP. “HIP is committed to providing a positive impact on the programs, people, and performance outcomes we support. We knew to do this for America’s Promise, we had to have esteemed partners at the table, and we were certain that AACC and its strong network of colleges, workforce, and economic development partners would be the best fit.”

“We are thrilled to be able to provide support for these programs” said Jen Worth, Senior Vice President of Economic and Workforce Development at AACC. “This partnership will allow us to broaden our reach to the unemployed, underemployed, and disadvantaged populations – many of which are served at community colleges. This is win-win for workers and for businesses.”

For additional information on the H-1B America’s Promise grant program, you may access the Funding Opportunity Announcement at <https://www.doleta.gov/grants/pdf/FOA-ETA-16-12.pdf>.

You can also read the DOL/ETA Press Release announcing the America’s Promise grant program, which includes the list of selected grantees at <https://www.dol.gov/newsroom/releases/eta/eta20161117>.