Form	Total respondents	Frequency	Total responses	Average time per response (hours)	Estimated total burden hours
3023–NVS	2,286,757	Once	2,286,757	.083	189,800
3023–NVM	35,951	Once	35,951	.25	8,988
3023–NCA	165,397	Once	165,397	.167	27,621
Totals	2,488,105		2,488,105		226,409

Total Burden Cost (Capital/Startup): $0.

Total Burden Cost (Operating/Maintenance): $0.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they also will become a matter of public record.

Signed in Washington, DC, this 5th day of April, 2004.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Veterans' Employment and Training Service

Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP) Grants to Intermediaries for Program Year 2004

Federal Agency: U.S. Department of Labor, Veterans' Employment and Training Service.

Funding Opportunity: Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP) Grants to Intermediaries for Program Year 2004.

Announcement Type: Initial Solicitation for Grant Applications (SGA).

Funding Opportunity Number: SGA 04–05.

Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance #: 17–805.

Dates: Applications are due on May 13, 2004.

Period of Performance is Program Year (PY) 2004, July 1, 2004, through June 30, 2005.

Executive Summary (Applicants For Grant Funds Should Read This Notice In Its Entirety): The U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL), Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS), announces a grant competition that complies with the requirements of 38 U.S.C. 2021, as added by section 5 of Public Law 107–95, the Homeless Veterans Comprehensive Assistance Act of 2001 (HVCAA). Section 2021 requires the Secretary of Labor to conduct, directly or through grant or contract, such programs as the Secretary determines appropriate to expedite the reintegration of homeless veterans into the labor force.

The Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP) is making grants in three (3) categories: urban, non-urban, and a new category being introduced this year— "intermediaries.'' Separate Solicitations for Grant Applications (SGAs) are being issued for each grant category. This is the solicitation for HVRP grants for "Intermediaries.'' The results of these three (3) separately competed grant categories will provide valuable information on approaches and techniques that work in the different environments.

Grants to Intermediaries are intended to address two overall objectives: (1) To coordinate efforts in order to collectively provide services to assist in reintegrating homeless veterans into meaningful employment within the labor force, and (2) to stimulate the development of effective service delivery systems that will address the complex problems facing homeless veterans. In achieving the HVRP grant objectives, the intermediary is expected to sub-award a substantial portion of its grant award to eligible local grass-roots organizations. Applicants and their sub-awardees/contractors will coordinate efforts in order to design programs that assist homeless veterans by collectively ensuring that they receive job placement services, job training, counseling, supportive services, and other assistance to expedite the reintegration of homeless veterans into the labor force. It is anticipated that "intermediaries'' with established connections and working relationships to grassroots faith-based and community organizations will connect those smaller organizations and the people they serve to the local employment service delivery system for some of these services. These programs are to be designed to be flexible in addressing the universal as well as the local or regional problems that have had a negative impact on homeless veterans reentering the workforce.

Under this solicitation covering Fiscal Year (FY) 2004, VETS anticipates that up to $1,500,000 will be available for grant awards up to a maximum of $250,000 each. This notice contains all of the necessary information and forms to apply for grant funding. The period of performance for these Program Year 2004 grants will be July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005. Two (2) optional years of funding may be available, depending upon Congressional funding appropriations, the agency's decision to exercise the optional year(s) of funding, and satisfactory grantee performance.

I. Funding Opportunity Description

The U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL), Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS), announces a grant competition that complies with the requirements of 38 U.S.C. 2021, as added by section 5 of Public Law 107–95, the Homeless Veterans Comprehensive Assistance Act of 2001 (HVCAA). Section 2021 requires the Secretary of Labor to conduct, directly or through grant or contract, such programs as the Secretary determines appropriate to expedite the reintegration of homeless veterans into the labor force.

1. Program Concept and Emphasis

This Solicitation for Grant Applications (SGA) seeks to make grants to "intermediary'' organizations with established connections to and working relationships with grassroots faith-based and community organizations and that have the ability to connect those smaller organizations and the people they serve to the local employment service delivery system. HVRP grants to intermediaries are intended to address two overall objectives: (a) To coordinate efforts in order to collectively provide services to assist in reintegrating homeless veterans into meaningful employment within the labor force, and (b) to stimulate the development of effective service delivery systems that will address the complex problems facing homeless veterans.

In achieving the HVRP grant overall objectives, the intermediary is expected to provide a substantial portion of its award to eligible local grass-roots

organizations through sub-awards/contracts. In their collaboration, the intermediaries will achieve the following objectives:

- Organize collaboration between local grass-roots organizations and the local employment service delivery system to assist homeless veterans in reentering the workforce by leveraging the resources of both faith-based and community organizations and the local employment service delivery system.
- Expand the access of faith-based and community organization clients and customers to the training, employment opportunities, and employment services offered by the local employment service delivery system.
- Thoroughly document the impact and outcomes of these grant investments through quarterly, annual, and follow-up reporting.

Under this Program Year 2004 HVRP competition, eligible "intermediaries'' are defined as State and Local Workforce Investment Boards, local public agencies, for-profit/commercial entities, and non-profit organizations including faith-based and community organizations. For the purposes of this announcement, the eligible local grassroots organizations to which sub-awards/contracts must be made must be non-profit organizations that:

- Have social services as a major part of their mission; and
- Are headquartered in the local community to which they provide these services; and
- Have a total annual operating budget of $300,000 or less or have seven (7) or fewer full-time equivalent employees.

The intermediary will assist the sub-awardees/contractors, as appropriate, in administrative tasks so that maximum efforts can be focused on providing supportive services and employment assistance to homeless veterans. VETS' encourages and expects the intermediary's staff to provide mentoring and technical assistance to build the smaller organizations' capacity to be a permanent contributor to the local employment service delivery system.

For this Fiscal Year (FY) 2004 grant solicitation, VETS seeks applicants that will collectively provide direct services through a case management approach that networks with Federal, State, and local resources for veteran support programs. Successful applicants will have clear strategies for employment and retention of employment for homeless veterans. Successful applicants' and their grass-roots organization sub-awardees/contractors will collaborate efforts in order to design programs that assist homeless veterans by collectively ensuring the provision of job placement services, job training, counseling, supportive services, and other assistance to expedite the reintegration of homeless veterans into the labor force. Successful applicants will also design programs that are flexible in addressing the universal as well as the local or regional problems that have had a negative impact on homeless veterans reentering the workforce. The HVRP in FY 2004 will seek to continue to strengthen development of effective delivery systems, to provide comprehensive services through a case management approach that addresses complex problems facing homeless veterans trying to transition into gainful employment, and to improve strategies for employment and retention in employment.

2. Community Awareness Activities

In order to promote networking between the HVRP funded program and local service providers (and thereby eliminate gaps or duplication in services and enhance the provision of assistance to participants), the grantee and/or sub-awardees/contractors collectively must provide project orientation workshops and program awareness activities that it determines are the most feasible for the types of providers listed below. Grantees are encouraged to demonstrate strategies for incorporating small faith-based and community organizations (defined as organizations with social services budgets of approximately $300,000 or seven (7) or fewer full-time employees) into their outreach plans. Project orientation workshops conducted by grantees have been an effective means of sharing information and informing the community of the availability of other services; they are encouraged but not mandatory. Rather, grantees and/or sub-awardees/contractors will have the flexibility to attend service provider meetings, seminars, and conferences, to outstation staff, and to develop individual service contracts as well as to involve other agencies in program planning.

The grantee and/or sub-awardees/contractors collectively will be responsible for providing project awareness, program information, and orientation activities to the following:

A. Direct providers of services to homeless veterans including shelter and soup kitchen operators: to make them aware of the services available to homeless veterans to make them job-ready and to aid their placement into jobs.

B. Federal, State, and local entitlement and social service agencies such as the Social Security Administration (SSA), Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA), State Workforce Agencies (SWAs) and their local One-Stop Centers (which integrate Workforce Investment Act (WIA), labor exchange, and other employment and social services), mental health services, and healthcare detoxification facilities: to familiarize them with the nature and needs of homeless veterans.

C. Civic and private sector groups, in particular Veterans' Service Organizations, support groups, job training and employment services, and community-based organizations including faith-based organizations: to provide information on homeless veterans and their needs.

The grantee and/or sub-awardees/contractors collectively will also be responsible for participating in "Stand Down'' events. A "Stand Down'' is an event held in a locality, usually for three (3) days, where services are provided to homeless veterans along with shelter, meals, clothing, employment services, and medical attention. This type of event is mostly a volunteer effort, which is organized within a community and brings service providers together such as the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA), Disabled Veterans' Outreach Program Specialists (DVOPs) and Local Veterans' Employment Representatives (LVERs) from the State Workforce Agencies, Veteran Service Organizations, military personnel, civic leaders, and a variety of other interested persons, groups, and organizations. Many services are provided on-site with referrals also made for continued assistance after the Stand Down event. These events can often be the catalyst that enables homeless veterans to get back into mainstream society. The Department of Labor has supported replication of these events and many have been held throughout the nation.

In areas where an HVRP is operating, grantees and/or sub-awardees/contractors collectively are encouraged and expected to participate fully and offer their services for all locally planned Stand Down event(s). Toward this end, up to $5,000 of the currently requested HVRP grant funds may be used to supplement the Stand Down efforts, where funds are not otherwise available, and may be requested in the budget and explained in the budget narrative.

3. Scope of Program Design

The overall project design must include the following services:

A. Outreach, intake, assessment, peer counseling to the degree practical, employment services, and follow-up support services to enhance retention in employment. Program staff providing outreach services should have experience in dealing with, and an understanding of the needs of homeless veterans.

B. Provision of or referral to employment services such as: job search workshops, job counseling, assessment of skills, resume writing techniques, interviewing skills, subsidized trial employment (work experience), job development services, job placement into unsubsidized employment, job placement follow-up services to enhance retention in employment.

C. Provision of or referral to training services such as: basic skills instruction, remedial education activities, life skills and money management training, on-the-job training, classroom training, vocational training, specialized and/or licensing training programs, and other formal training programs as deemed appropriate to benefit the participant. At least 80% of the enrolled HVRP participants must participate in training activities.

D. Grantees and/or sub-awardees/contractors will perform a preliminary assessment of each participant's eligibility for Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) service-connected disability, compensation, and/or pension benefits. As appropriate, grantees and/or sub-awardees/contractors will work with the Veterans Service Organizations (VSOs) or refer the participants to DVA in order to file a claim for compensation or pension. Grantees and/or sub-awardees/contractors will track progress of claims and report outcomes in case management records.

E. Coordination with veterans' services programs, including: Disabled Veterans' Outreach Program Specialists (DVOPs) and Local Veterans' Employment Representatives (LVERs) in the local employment service delivery system, as well as Veterans' Workforce Investment Programs (VWIPs), DVA services, including its Health Care for Homeless Veterans, Domiciliary Care, Regional Benefits Assistance Program, and Transitional Housing under Homeless Provider Grant and per diem programs.

F. Networking with Veterans' Service Organizations such as: The American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Vietnam Veterans of America, the American Veterans (AMVETS).

G. Referral as necessary to health care, counseling, and rehabilitative services including, but not limited to: alcohol and drug rehabilitation, therapeutic services, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) services, mental health services as well as coordination with McKinney Homeless Assistance Act (MHAA) Title VI programs for health care for the homeless, and health care programs under the Homeless Veterans Comprehensive Assistance Act of 2001.

H. Referral to housing assistance, as appropriate, provided by: local shelters, Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) food and shelter programs, transitional housing programs and single room occupancy housing programs funded under MHAA Title IV (and under HVCAA), and permanent housing programs for disabled homeless persons funded under MHAA Title IV (and under HVCAA).

4. Results-Oriented Model

No specific model is mandatory, but the applicant and/or sub-awardees/contractors must collectively design a program that is responsive to the needs of the local community and achieves the overall objectives of the HVRP program. The HVRP objectives are to successfully reintegrate homeless veterans into the workforce and to stimulate the development of effective service delivery systems that will address the complex problems facing homeless veterans.

Under the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA), Congress and the public are looking for program results rather than program processes. The outcome measurement established for HVRP grants is for grantees and/or sub-awardees/contractors to collectively meet a minimum entered employment rate of 58%, determined by dividing the number of entered employments by the number of HVRP enrollments. (Actual performance outcomes will be reported quarterly in spreadsheet format to be provided to grantees at the post award conference.) While the percentage of HVRP enrollments that entered employment is an important outcome, it is also necessary to evaluate and measure the program's long-term results, through the 90-day and 180-day follow-up period, to determine the quality and success of the program.

The applicants and/or sub-awardees/contractors program should be based on a results-oriented model. The first phase of activity should consist of the level of outreach necessary to introduce the program to eligible homeless veterans. Outreach also includes establishing contact with other agencies that encounter homeless veterans. Once the eligible homeless veterans have been identified, an assessment must be made of each individual's abilities, interests, needs, and barriers to employment. In some cases, participants may require referrals to services such as rehabilitation, drug or alcohol treatment, or a temporary shelter before they can be enrolled into HVRP. Once the eligible homeless veteran is "stabilized,'' the assessment must concentrate on the employability of the individual and whether the individual is to be enrolled into the HVRP program. A determination should be made as to whether the individual would benefit from pre-employment preparation such as resume writing, job search workshops, employment related counseling, and case management, or possibly an initial entry into the job market through temporary jobs. Additionally, sheltered work environments, classroom training, and/or on-the-job training must be evaluated. Such services should be noted in an Employability Development Plan to facilitate the staff's successful monitoring of the plan. Entry into full-time employment or a specific job-training program should follow, in keeping with the ultimate objective of HVRP, to bring the participant closer to self-sufficiency. Supportive services may assist the HVRP enrolled participant at this point or even sooner.

Job development, a crucial part of the employability process, is usually when there are no competitive job openings that the HVRP enrolled participant is qualified to apply for, therefore, a job opportunity is created or developed specifically for that HVRP enrolled participant with an employer. HVRP enrolled participants who are ready to enter employment and/or who are in need of intensive case management services are to be referred to the DVOP and LVER staff at a local One-Stop Office. DVOP and LVER staff are able to provide HVRP enrolled participants the following services: job development, employment services, case management and career counseling. Most DVOP and LVER staff received training in case management at the National Veterans' Training Institute. All DVOP and LVER staff provide employment related services to veterans who are most at a disadvantage in the labor market. VETS' urges working hand-in-hand with DVOP/LVER staff to achieve economies of resources.

The applicant and/or sub-awardees/contractors program must include tracking of program participants. Tracking should begin with the referral to employment and continue through the 90-day and 180-day follow-up periods after entering employment to determine whether the veteran is in the

same or similar job. It is important that the grantee and/or sub-awardees/contractors maintain contact with veterans after placement to ensure that employment-related problems that may arise are addressed. The 90-day and 180-day follow-ups are fundamental to assessing the results of the program success. Grantee and/or sub-awardees/contractors need to budget for 90-day and 180-day follow-up activity so that it can be performed for those enrolled participants placed at or near the end of the grant performance period. All grantees and/or sub-awardees/contractors, prior to the end of the grant performance period, must obligate sufficient funds to ensure that follow-up activities are completed. Such results will be reported in the final technical performance report.

II. Award Information

1. *Type of Funding Instrument:* One (1) year grant.

2. *Funding Levels:* The total funding available for this Intermediaries HVRP solicitation is up to $1,500,000. Awards are expected to range from $100,000 to a maximum of $250,000. The Department of Labor reserves the right to negotiate the amounts to be awarded under this competition. Please be advised that requests exceeding $250,000 will be considered non-responsive.

3. *Period of Performance:* The period of performance will be for twelve (12) months from date of award unless modified by the Grant Officer. It is expected that successful applicants and/or sub-awardees/contractors will begin program operations under this solicitation on July 1, 2004. All program funds must be obligated by June 30, 2005; a limited amount of funds may be obligated and reserved for follow-up activities and closeout.

4. *Optional Year(s) Funding:* Should Congress appropriate additional funds for this purpose, VETS may consider two (2) optional years of funding. The Government does *not,* however, guarantee optional year(s) funding for any grantee (or sub-awardees/contractors). In deciding whether to exercise any optional year funding, VETS will consider grantee (including sub-awardees/contractors) overall performance during the previous period of operations as follows:

A. The grantee and/or sub-awardees/contractors collectively must meet, at minimum, 85% of the planned goals for Federal expenditures, enrollments, and placements in each quarter and/or at least 85% of planned cumulative goals by the end of the third quarter; and

B. The grantee and sub-awardees/contractors must be in compliance with all terms identified in the Solicitation for Grant Application (SGA) and grant award document; and

C. All program and fiscal reports must have been submitted by the established due date and must be verifiable for accuracy.

III. Eligibility Information

1. *Eligible Applicants:* Applications for funds will be accepted from State and local Workforce Investment Boards, local public agencies, for-profit/commercial entities, and nonprofit organizations, including faith-based and community organizations. Applicants and their sub-awardees/contractors must have a familiarity with the area and population to be served and the ability to administer an effective and timely program. Applicants must also have established connections to and working relationships with grassroots faith-based and community organizations, and have the ability to connect those smaller organizations and the people they serve to the local employment service delivery system.

Eligible applicants will generally fall into one of the following categories:

- State and local Workforce Investment Boards (WIBs), established under sections 111 and 117 of the Workforce Investment Act.
- Public agencies, meaning any public agency of a State or of a general purpose political subdivision of a State that has the power to levy taxes and spend funds, as well as general corporate and police powers. (This typically refers to cities and counties.) A State agency may propose in its application to serve one or more of the potential jurisdictions located in its State. This does not preclude a city or county agency from submitting an application to serve its own jurisdiction.
- For-profit/commercial entities.
- Nonprofit organizations. If claiming 501(c)(3) status, the Internal Revenue Service statement indicating 501(c)(3) status approval must be submitted.

To be eligible for a sub-award/contract from an Intermediary Grantee, an organization must be a local, grassroots non-profit entity that:

- Have social services as a major part of their mission; and
- Are headquartered in the local community to which they provide these services; and
- Have a total annual operating budget of $300,000 or less or have seven (7) or fewer full-time equivalent employees.

Note: Qualifying applications from grantees in the below listed States that are not currently receiving HVRP funds may receive priority funding over applicants in those States that are currently receiving HVRP funds: Alaska, Arkansas, Delaware, Georgia, Idaho, Kansas, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wyoming.

2. *Cost Sharing:* Cost sharing and/or matching funds are *not* required. However, we do encourage the use of leveraging and/or matching funds.

3. *Other Eligibility Criteria:*

A. This SGA is for Intermediaries HVRP grants. Separate SGAs for urban and non-urban HVRP grants have been simultaneously issued.

B. The proposal must include an outreach component that uses either DVOP/LVER staff or a trained outreach cadre. Programs must be "employment focused.'' The services provided must be directed toward: (1) Increasing the employability of homeless veterans through training or arranging for the provision of services that will enable them to work; and (2) matching homeless veterans with potential employers.

C. Applicants are encouraged to utilize, through partnerships or sub-awards/contracts, experienced public agencies, private nonprofit organizations, private businesses, faith-based and community organizations, and colleges and universities (especially those with traditionally high enrollments of minorities) that have an understanding of unemployment and the barriers to employment unique to homeless veterans, a familiarity with the area to be served, and the capability to effectively provide the necessary services.

D. To be eligible for enrollment under this grant an individual must be homeless *and* a veteran defined as follows:

- The term "*homeless or homeless individual''* includes persons who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence. It also includes persons whose primary nighttime residence is either a supervised public or private shelter designed to provide temporary living accommodations; an institution that provides a temporary residence for individuals intended to be institutionalized; or a public or private place not designed for, or ordinarily used as, a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings. [42 U.S.C. 11302(a)].
- The term "*veteran*'' means a person who served in the active military, naval, or air service, and who was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable. [38 U.S.C. 101(2)]

IV. Application and Submission Information

1. *Address To Request an Application and Amendments:* Application announcements or forms will not be mailed. The **Federal Register** may be obtained from your nearest government office or library. Additional application packages may be obtained from the VETS Web site at *http://www.dol.gov/vets* and at *http://www.fedgrants.gov/.* The application forms and their instructions, and other pertinent materials are included in the Appendices. If copies of the standard forms are needed, they can also be downloaded from: *http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants/grants_forms.html.*

To receive amendments to this Solicitation, all applicants must register their name and address in writing with the Grant Officer at the following address: U.S. Department of Labor, Procurement Services Center, Attn: Cassandra Mitchell, Reference SGA 04–05, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room N–5416, Washington, DC 20210, Phone Number: (202) 693–4570 (not a toll free number).

2. *Content and Form of Application:* The grant application must consist of three (3) separate and distinct sections: the Executive Summary, the Technical Proposal, and the Cost Proposal. The information provided in these three (3) sections is essential to gain an understanding of the programmatic and fiscal contents of the grant proposal.

A complete grant application package must include:

- An original blue ink-signed and two (2) copies of the cover letter.
- An original and two (2) copies of the Executive Summary (see below).
- An original and two (2) copies of the Technical Proposal (see below) that includes a completed Technical Performance Goals Form (Appendix D).
- An original and two (2) copies of the Cost Proposal (see below) that includes an original blue ink-signed Application for Federal Assistance, SF–424 (Appendix A), a Budget Narrative, Budget Information Sheet SF–424A (Appendix B), an original blue ink-signed and Assurances and Certifications Signature Page (Appendix C), and Direct Cost Description for Applicants and Sub-applicants (Appendix E), and a completed Survey on Ensuring Equal Opportunity for Applicants (Appendix F).

A. *Section 1—Executive Summary:* A one to two page "Executive Summary'' reflecting the grantees overall strategy, timeline, and outcomes to be achieved in their grant proposal is required. This executive summary does not count against the 15-page limit. The executive summary should include:

- The proposed area to be served through the activities of this grant.
- Years of grantee's service to the residents in the proposed area to be served.
- Projects and activities that will expedite the reintegration of homeless veterans into the workforce.
- Summary of outcomes, benefits, and value added by the project.

B. *Section 2—Technical Proposal* consists of a narrative proposal that demonstrates the need for this particular grant program, the services and activities proposed to obtain successful outcomes for the homeless veterans to be served; and the applicants' and/or sub-awardees'/contractors' ability to collectively accomplish the expected outcomes of the proposed project design.

The technical proposal narrative must not exceed fifteen (15) pages double-spaced, font size no less than 11 pt., and typewritten on one (1) side of the paper only. **Note:** Resumes, charts, standard forms, transmittal letters, Memorandums of Understanding, agreements, lists of contracts and grants, letters of support are not included in the page count. If provided, include these documents as attachments to the technical proposal.

Required Content: There are program activities that all applications must contain to be found technically acceptable under this SGA. Programs must be "employment focused'' and must be responsive to the rating criteria in Section V(1). *The required activities are:* outreach, pre-enrollment assessments, employment development plans for all clients, case management, job placement and job retention follow-up (at 90 and 180 days) after individual enters employment, utilization/coordination of services with DVOP and LVER staff, and community linkages with other programs and services that provide support to homeless veterans.

The following format for the technical proposal is recommended:

Need for the program: The applicant must identify the geographical area to be served and provide an estimate of the number of homeless veterans in the designated geographical area. Include poverty and unemployment rates in the area and identify the disparities in the local community infrastructure that exacerbate the employment barriers faced by the targeted veterans. Include labor market information and job opportunities in the employment fields and industries that are in demand in the geographical area to be served.

Approach or strategy to increase employment and job retention: Applicants must be responsive to the Rating Criteria contained in Section V(1) and address all of the rating factors as thoroughly as possible in the narrative. *The applicant must:*

- Describe the specific supportive employment and training services to be provided under this grant and the sequence or flow of such services;
- Indicate the type(s) of training that will be provided and how it relates to the jobs that are in demand, length of training, training curriculum, and how the training will improve the eligible veterans' employment opportunities within that geographical area;
- Provide a follow-up plan that addresses retention after 90 and 180 days with participants who have entered employment;
- Include the completed Planned Quarterly Technical Performance Goals (and planned expenditures) form listed in Appendix D.

Linkages with facilities that serve homeless veterans: Describe program and resource linkages with other facilities that will be involved in identifying potential clients for this program. Describe any networks with other related resources and/or other programs that serve homeless veterans. Indicate how the program will be coordinated with any efforts that are conducted by public and private agencies in the community. If a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) or other service agreement with service providers exists, copies should be provided.

Linkages with other providers of employment and training services to homeless veterans: Describe the networks the program will have with other providers of services to homeless veterans; include a description of the relationship with other employment and training programs such as Disabled Veterans' Outreach Program (DVOP), the Local Veterans' Employment Representative (LVER) program, and programs under the Workforce Investment Act such as the Veterans' Workforce Investment Program (VWIP); and list the type of services that will be provided by each. Note the type of agreement in place, if applicable. Linkages with the workforce development system must be delineated. Describe any networks with any other resources and/or other programs for homeless veterans. Indicate how the program will be coordinated with any efforts for the homeless that are conducted by agencies in the community. Indicate how the applicant and/or sub-awardees/

contractors will coordinate with any "continuum of care'' efforts for the homeless among agencies in the community. If a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) or other service agreements with other service providers exists, copies should be provided.

Linkages with other Federal agencies: Describe program and resource linkages with the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), and Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) including the Compensated Work Therapy (CWT) and per diem programs. If a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) or other service agreements with other service providers exists, copies should be provided.

Proposed supportive service strategy for veterans: Describe how supportive service resources for veterans will be obtained and used. If resources are provided by other sources or linkages, such as Federal, State, local, faith-based and community organization programs or colleges and universities, including those with traditionally high enrollments of minorities, the applicant must fully explain the use of these resources and how they will be applied. If a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) or other service agreements with other service providers exists, copies should be provided.

Organizational capability to provide required program activities: The applicant's relevant current or prior experience in operating employment and training programs should be clearly described. A summary narrative of program experience and employment and training performance outcomes is required. *The applicant should provide information showing outcomes of all past employment and training programs in terms of enrollments and placements.* An applicant that had operated a HVRP, other Homeless Employment and Training program, or VWIP program must include the final or most recent technical performance reports. The applicant must also provide evidence of key staff capability. It is preferred that grantee be well established and not in the start-up phase or process.

Proposed housing strategy for homeless veterans: Describe how housing resources for eligible homeless veterans will be obtained or accessed. These resources must be from linkages or sources other than the HVRP grant such as HUD, HHS, community housing resources, DVA leasing, or other programs.

C. *Section 3—The Cost Proposal must contain the following:* (1) Standard Form SF–424, "Application for Federal Assistance,'' (with the original signed in blue-ink) (Appendix A) must be completed;

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number for this program is 17.805 and it must be entered on the SF–424, in Block 10.

The organizational unit section of Block 5 of the SF–424 must contain the Dun and Bradstreet Number (DUNS) of the applicant. Beginning October 1, 2003, all applicants for Federal grant funding opportunities are required to include a DUNS number with their application. *See* OMB Notice of Final Policy Issuance, 68 Federal Register 38402 (June 27, 2003). Applicants' DUNS number should be entered into Block 5 of SF–424. The DUNS number is a nine-digit identification number that uniquely identifies business entities. There is no charge for obtaining a DUNS number. To obtain a DUNS number call 1–866–705–5711 or access the following Web site: *http://www.dunandbradstreet.com/*. Requests for exemption from the DUNS number requirement must be made to the Office of Management and Budget.

(2) A completed Standard Form SF–424A "Budget Information Sheet'' (Appendix B) must be included;

(3) As an attachment to SF–424A, the applicant must provide a detailed cost breakout of each line item on the Budget Information Sheet. Please label this page or pages the "Budget Narrative'' and ensure that costs reported on the SF–424A correspond accurately with the Budget Narrative;

The Budget Narrative must include, at a minimum:

- Breakout of all personnel costs by position, title, salary rates, and percent of time of each position to be devoted to the proposed project (including sub-awardees/contractors) by completing the "Direct Cost Descriptions for Applicants and Sub-Applicants'' form (Appendix E);
- Explanation and breakout of extraordinary fringe benefit rates and associated charges (*i.e.,* rates exceeding 35% of salaries and wages);
- Explanation of the purpose and composition of, and method used to derive the costs of, each of the following: travel, equipment, supplies, sub-awards/contracts, and any other costs. The applicant must include costs of any required travel described in this Solicitation. Mileage charges may not exceed 37.5 cents per mile or the current Federal rate;
- All associated costs for retaining participant information pertinent to the follow-up survey, 180 days after the program performance period ends;
- Description/specification of, and justification for, equipment purchases, if any. Tangible, non-expendable, personal property having a useful life of more than one year and a unit acquisition cost of $5,000 or more per unit must be specifically identified; and
- Identification of all sources of leveraged or matching funds and an explanation of the derivation of the value of matching/in-kind services. If resources/matching funds and/or the value of in-kind contributions are made available, please show in Section B of the Budget Information Sheet.

(4) A completed Assurance and Certification signature page (Appendix C) must be submitted;

(5) All applicants must submit evidence of satisfactory financial management capability, which must include recent (within the last 18 months) financial and/or audit statements. Grantees and sub-awardees/contractors are required to utilize Generally Accepted Accounting Practices (GAAP), maintain a separate accounting for these grant funds, and have a checking account;

(6) All applicants must include, as a separate appendix, a list of all employment and training government grants and contracts that it has had in the past three (3) years, including grant/contract officer contact information. VETS reserves the right to have a DOL representative review and verify this data;

(7) A completed Survey on Ensuring Equal Opportunity for Applicants (Appendix F) must be provided.

3. *Submission Dates and Times* (Acceptable Methods of Submission): The grant application package must be received at the designated place by the date and time specified or it will not be considered. Any application received at the Office of Procurement Services after 4:45 p.m. e.t., May 13, 2004, will not be considered unless it is received before the award is made and:

- It is determined by the Government that the late receipt was due solely to mishandling by the Government after receipt at the U.S. Department of Labor at the address indicated; or
- It was sent by registered or certified mail not later than the fifth calendar day before May 13, 2004; or
- It was sent by U.S. Postal Service Express Mail Next Day Service-Post Office to Addressee, not later than 5:00 p.m. at the place of mailing two (2) working days, excluding weekends and Federal holidays, prior to May 13, 2004.

4. *Intergovernmental Review:* Not Applicable.

5. *Funding Restrictions:*

A. Proposals exceeding $250,000 will be considered non-responsive.

B. There is a limit of one (1) application per submitting organization and location. If two (2) applications from the same organization for the same location are submitted, the application with the later date will be considered non-responsive.

C. Due to the limited availability of funding, if an organization was awarded Fiscal Year 2003 HVRP funds for a specific location and will be receiving second and possible third year funding, that organization at that specific location will be considered ineligible to compete for FY 2004 HVRP funds.

D. There will not be reimbursement of pre-award costs unless specifically agreed upon in writing by the Department of Labor.

E. Entities described in section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code that engage in lobbying activities are not eligible to receive funds under this announcement because section 18 of the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995, Public Law 104–65, 109 Stat. 691, prohibits the award of Federal funds to these entities.

F. The government is prohibited from directly funding religious activity.* HVRP grants may not be used for religious instruction, worship, prayer, proselytizing or other inherently religious practices. Neutral, secular criteria that neither favor nor disfavor religion must be employed in the selection of grant and sub-awardees/contractors grant recipients. In addition, under the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) and Department of Labor regulations implementing the WIA, a recipient may not train a participant in religious activities, or permit participants to construct, operate, or maintain any part of a facility that is primarily used or devoted to religious instruction or worship. Under WIA, "no individual shall be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, subjected to discrimination under, or denied employment in the administration of or in connection with, any such program or activity because of race, color, religion, sex (except as otherwise permitted under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972), national origin, age, disability, or political affiliation or belief.''

* The term "direct'' funding is used to describe funds that are provided "directly'' by a governmental entity or an intermediate organization with the same duties as the government entity, as opposed to funds that an organization receives as the result of the genuine and independent private choice of a beneficiary. In other contexts, the term "direct'' funding may be used to refer to those funds that an organization receives directly from the Federal government (also known as "discretionary'' funding), as opposed to funding that it receives from a State or local government (also known as "indirect'' or "block grant'' funding). In this SGA, the term "direct'' has the former meaning.

G. Limitations on Administrative and Indirect Costs:

- Administrative costs, which consist of all direct and indirect costs associated with the supervision and management of the program, are limited to and will not exceed 20% of the total grant award.
- Indirect costs claimed by the applicant must be based on a Federally approved rate. A copy of the negotiated approved and signed indirect cost negotiation agreement must be submitted with the application. Furthermore, indirect costs are considered a part of administrative costs for HVRP purposes and, therefore, may not exceed 20% of the total grant award.
- If the applicant does not presently have an approved indirect cost rate, a proposed rate with justification may be submitted. Successful applicants will be required to negotiate an acceptable and allowable rate within 90 days of grant award with the appropriate DOL Regional Office of Cost Determination or with the applicant's cognizant agency for indirect cost rates (*See* Office of Management and Budget Web site at *http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants/atttach.html*).
- Indirect cost rates traceable and trackable through the State Workforce Agency's Cost Accounting System represent an acceptable means of allocating costs to DOL and, therefore, can be approved for use in grants to State Workforce Agencies.

6. *Other Submission Requirements:* The only acceptable evidence to establish the date of mailing of a late application sent by registered or certified mail is the U.S. Postal Service postmark on the envelope or wrapper and on the original receipt from the U.S. Postal Service. If the postmark is not legible, an application received after the above closing time and date shall be processed as if mailed late. "Postmark'' means a printed, stamped or otherwise placed impression (*not* a postage meter machine impression) that is readily identifiable without further action as having been applied and affixed by an employee of the U.S. Postal Service on the date of mailing. Therefore applicants should request that the postal clerk place a legible hand cancellation "bull's-eye'' postmark on both the receipt and the envelope or wrapper.

The only acceptable evidence to establish the date of mailing of a late application sent by U.S. Postal Service Express Mail Next Day Service-Post Office to Addressee is the date entered by the Post Office clerk on the "Express Mail Next Day Service-Post Office to Addressee'' label and the postmark on the envelope or wrapper and on the original receipt from the U.S. Postal Service. "Postmark'' has the same meaning as defined above. Therefore, applicants should request that the postal clerk place a legible hand cancellation "bull's-eye'' postmark on both the receipt and the envelope or wrapper.

The only acceptable evidence to establish the time of receipt at the U.S. Department of Labor is the date/time stamp of the Procurement Services Center on the application wrapper or other documentary evidence or receipt maintained by that office. Applications sent by other delivery services, such as Federal Express, UPS, *etc.,* will also be accepted.

All applicants are advised that U.S. mail delivery in the Washington, DC, area has been erratic due to security and anthrax concerns. All applicants must take this into consideration when preparing to meet the application deadline, as you assume the risk for ensuring a timely submission, that is, if, because of these mail problems, the Department does not receive an application or receives it too late to give proper consideration, even if it was timely mailed, the Department is not required to consider the application.

V. Application Review Information

1. Application Evaluation Criteria

Applications will receive up to 100 total points based on the following criteria:

A. Need for the Project: 10 Points

The applicant will document the need for this project, as demonstrated by: (i) The potential number or concentration of homeless individuals and homeless veterans in the proposed project area relative to other similar areas of jurisdiction, (ii) the rates of poverty and/or unemployment in the proposed project area as determined by the census or other surveys; and (iii) the extent of the gaps in the local infrastructure to effectively address the employment barriers that characterize the target population.

B. Overall Strategy To Increase Employment and Retention in Employment: 35 Points

The application must include a description of the approach to providing comprehensive employment and training services, including job training,

job development, obtaining employer commitments to hire, placement and post-placement follow-up services. Applications must address how they will target occupations in emerging industries. Supportive services provided as part of the strategy of promoting job readiness and job retention must be indicated. The applicant must identify the local services and sources of training to be used for participants. At least 80% of enrolled participants must participate in training services. A description of the relationship, if any, with other employment and training programs such as State Workforce Agencies (including DVOP and LVER Programs), One-Stops, VWIP, other WIA programs, and Workforce Investment or Development Boards or entities where in place, must be specified. Applications must indicate how the activities will be tailored or responsive to the needs of homeless veterans. A participant flow chart may be used to show the sequence and mix of services.

Note: The applicant must complete Appendix D, the Technical Performance Goals Form, with proposed programmatic outcomes, including participants served, placement/entered employments and job retention. Of the 35 points possible in the strategy to increase employment and retention, 5 points will be awarded to grant proposals that demonstrate the ability to maintain a six-month employment retention rate of 50 percent or greater. Applicants whose applications persuasively propose to use peer counselors who are themselves veterans will be awarded five (5) of the available points in the scoring criteria.

C. Quality and Extent of Linkages With Other Providers of Services to the Homeless and to Veterans: 20 Points

The application must provide information on the quality and extent of the linkages this program will have with other providers of services to homeless veterans in the local community including faith-based and community organizations. For each service, the applicant must specify who the provider is, the source of funding (if known), and the type of linkages/referral system established or proposed. Describe, to the extent possible, how the project would be incorporated into the community's continuum of care approach to respond to homelessness and show any linkages to HUD, HHS or DVA programs that will be advantageous to the proposed program.

D. Demonstrated Capability in Providing Required Program Services, Including Programmatic Reporting and Participant Tracking: 25 Points

The applicant must describe its relevant prior experience in operating employment and training programs and providing services to participants similar to those that are proposed under this solicitation. Specific outcomes previously achieved by the applicant and/or sub-awardees/contractors must be described, such as job placements, benefits secured, network coalitions, *etc.* The applicant and/or sub-awardees/contractors must also address its capacity for timely startup of the program, programmatic reporting, and participant tracking. The applicant and/or sub-awardees/contractors should describe its staff experience and ability to manage the administrative, programmatic and financial aspects of a grant program. Include a recent (within the last 18 months) financial statement or audit. Final or most recent technical reports for other relevant employment and training programs must be submitted, if applicable. Because prior HVRP grant experience is not a requirement for this grant, some applicants may not have any technical performance reports to submit.

E. Quality of Overall Housing Strategy: 10 Points

The application must demonstrate how the applicant and/or sub-awardees/contractors propose to obtain or access housing resources for veterans in the program and entering the labor force. This discussion should specify the provisions made to access temporary, transitional, and permanent housing for participants through community resources, HUD, DVA lease, or other means. *HVRP funds may not be used for housing or vehicles.*

2. Review and Selection Process

Applications will initially be screened to ensure timeliness, completeness, and responsiveness to the SGA requirements. Applications that satisfy this initial screening will receive further review as explained below.

Technical proposals will be reviewed by a Department of Labor review panel using the point scoring system specified above in Section V(1). The review panel will assign scores after careful evaluation by each panel member and rank applications based on this score. The ranking will be the primary basis to identify applicants as potential grantees. The review panel may establish a competitive range and/or a minimum qualifying score, based upon the proposal evaluation, for the purpose of selecting qualified applicants. The review panel's conclusions are advisory in nature and not binding on the Grant Officer.

Cost proposals will be considered in two (2) ways. The Department of Labor review panel will screen all applicant cost proposals to ensure expenses are allocable, allowable, and reasonable. If the review panel concludes that the cost proposal contains an expense(s) that is not allocable, allowable, and/or reasonable, the application may be considered ineligible for funding. Further, VETS and the Grant Officer will consider applicant information concerning the proposed cost per placement, percentage of participants placed into unsubsidized employment, average wage at placement, and 180-day retention in employment percentage. The national average cost per placement for HVRP for last year was $2,100.

The Government reserves the right to ask for clarification on any aspect of a grant application. The Government also reserves the right to discuss any potential grantee concerns amongst Department of Labor staff. The Government further reserves the right to select applicants out of rank order if such a selection would, in its opinion, result in the most effective and appropriate combination of funding, program, and administrative costs, *e.g.,* cost per enrollment and placement, demonstration models, and geographic service areas. The Grant Officer's determination for award under SGA 04–05 is the final agency action. The submission of the same proposal from any prior year HVRP competition does not guarantee an award under this Solicitation.

VI. Award Administration Information

1. Award Notices

A. The Notice of Award signed by the Grant Officer is the authorizing document and will be provided through postal mail and/or by electronic means to the authorized representative as listed on the SF-424 Grant Application. Notice that an organization has been selected as a grant recipient does not constitute approval of the grant application as submitted. Before the actual grant award, the Grant Officer may enter into negotiations concerning such items as program components, funding levels, and administrative systems. If the negotiations do not result in an acceptable submittal, the Grant Officer reserves the right to terminate the negotiation and decline to fund the proposal.

B. A post-award conference will be held for those grantees awarded FY 2004 HVRP funds through this competition. The post-award conference is expected to be held in July or August 2004. Up to two (2) representatives must be present; a financial and a program representative are recommended. The

site of the post-award conference has not yet been determined, however, for planning and budgeting purposes, please allot five (5) days and use Washington, DC, as the conference site. The post-award conference will focus on providing information and assistance on reporting, record keeping, grant requirements, and also include best practices from past projects. Costs associated with attending this conference for up to two grantee representatives will be allowed as long as they were incurred in accordance with Federal travel regulations. Such costs must be charged as administrative costs and reflected in the proposed budget.

2. Administrative and National Policy Requirements

Unless specifically provided in the grant agreement, DOL's acceptance of a proposal and an award of Federal funds to sponsor any program(s) does not provide a waiver of any grant requirements and/or procedures. For example, the OMB circulars require that an entity's procurement procedures must provide all procurement transactions will be conducted, as practical, to provide open and free competition. If a proposal identifies a specific entity to provide the services, the DOL award does not provide the justification or basis to sole-source the procurement, *i.e.,* avoid competition. All grants will be subject to the following administrative standards and provisions, as applicable to the particular grantee and/or sub-awardees/contractors:

- 29 CFR part 93—Lobbying.
- 29 CFR part 95—Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and other Nonprofit Organizations, and with Commercial Organizations.
- 29 CFR part 96—Federal Standards for Audit of Federally Funded Grants, Contracts and Agreements.
- 29 CFR part 97—Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments.
- 29 CFR part 98—Federal Standards for Government-wide Debarment and Suspension (Non procurement) and Government-wide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Grants).
- 29 CFR part 99—Audit of States, Local Governments, and Nonprofit Organization.
- 29 CFR parts 30, 31, 32, 33 and 36—Equal Employment Opportunity in Apprenticeship and Training; Nondiscrimination in Federally Assisted Programs of the Department of Labor, Effectuation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Handicap in Programs and Activities; and Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs Receiving or Benefiting from Federal Financial Assistance.

3. Reporting

The grantee will submit the reports and documents listed below:

A. Quarterly Financial Reports

No later than 30 days after the end of each Federal fiscal quarter, the grantee must report outlays, program income, and other financial information (including sub-awardees/contractors information) on a federal fiscal quarterly basis using SF–269A, Financial Status Report, Short Form and submit a copy of the HHS/PMS 272 drawdown report. These reports must cite the assigned grant number and be submitted to the appropriate State Director for Veterans' Employment and Training (DVET).

B. Quarterly Program Reports

No later than 30 days after the end of the Federal fiscal quarter, grantees also must submit a Quarterly Technical Performance Report (including sub-awardees/contractors information) to the DVET that contains the following:

(1) A comparison of actual accomplishments to planned goals for the reporting period in spreadsheet format (to be provided after grant award) and any findings related to monitoring efforts;

(2) An explanation for variances of plus or minus 15% of planned program and/or expenditure goals, to include: Identification of a corrective action that will be taken to meet the planned goals, if required; and a timetable for accomplishment of the corrective action.

C. 90-Day Follow-Up Report

No later than 120 days after the grant performance period expiration date, the grantee must submit a follow-up report (including sub-awardees/contractors information) showing results and performance as of the 90th day after the grant period, and containing the following:

(1) Final Financial Status Report SF–269A Short Form (that zeros out all unliquidated obligations); and

(2) Technical Performance Report including updated goals chart.

D. 180-Day Follow-Up Report

No later than 210 days after the grant performance expiration date, the grantee must submit a follow-up report (including sub-awardees/contractors information) showing the results and performance as of the 180th day after the grant period, and containing the following:

(1) Final Financial Status Report SF–269A Short Form (if not previously submitted); and

(2) Final Narrative Report identifying:

(a) The total combined (directed/assisted) number of veterans placed into employment during the entire grant period;

(b) The number of veterans still employed after the 180 day follow-up period;

(c) If the veterans are still employed at the same or similar job, if not, what are the reason(s);

(d) Whether training received was applicable to jobs held;

(e) Wages at placement and during follow-up period;

(f) An explanation regarding why those veterans placed during the grant, but not employed at the end of the follow-up period, are not so employed; and

(g) Any recommendations to improve the program.

VII. Agency Contact

Questions and applications are to be forwarded to: U.S. Department of Labor, Procurement Services Center, Attn: Cassandra Mitchell, Reference SGA 04–05, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room N–5416, Washington, DC 20210, Phone Number: (202) 693–4570 (this is not a toll free number).

Resources for the Applicant: Applicants may review "VETS' Guide to Competitive and Discretionary Grants'' located at *http://www.dol.gov/vets/grants/Final_VETS_Guide-linked.pdf.* Applicants may also find these resources useful: America's Service Locator *http://www.servicelocator.org/* provides a directory of our nation's One-Stop Career Centers; the National Association of Workforce Boards maintains an Internet site (*http://www.nawb.org/asp/wibdir.asp*) that contains contact information for the State and local Workforce Investment Boards; and the homepage for the Department of Labor, Center for Faith-Based & Community Initiatives (*http://www.dol.gov/cfbci*).

Comments: Comments are to be submitted to the Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS), U.S. Department of Labor, Room S–1312, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210, telephone (202) 693–4701 (this is not a toll free number). Written comments are limited to ten (10) pages or fewer and may be transmitted by facsimile to (202) 693–4755. Receipt of

submissions, whether by U.S. mail, e-mail, or facsimile transmittal, will not be automatically acknowledged; however, the sender may request confirmation that a submission has been received, by telephoning VETS at (202) 693–4701 or (202) 693–4753 (TTY/TDD).

Signed at Washington, DC, this 6th day of April, 2004.

Lisa Harvey,

Acting Grant Officer.

Appendices

Appendix A: Application for Federal Assistance SF–424
Appendix B: Budget Information Sheet SF–424A
Appendix C: Assurances and Certifications Signature Page
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APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE

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1. TYPE OF SUBMISSION: Application ☐ Construction ☐ Non-Construction	Pre-application ☐ Construction ☐ Non-Construction	**2. DATE SUBMITTED**	Applicant Identifier
		3. DATE RECEIVED BY STATE	State Application Identifier
		4. DATE RECEIVED BY FEDERAL AGENCY	Federal Identifier

5. APPLICANT INFORMATION

Legal Name:		**Organizational Unit:**	
		Department:	
Organizational DUNS:		Division:	
Address:		**Name and telephone number of person to be contacted on matters involving this application (give area code)**	
Street:		Prefix:	First Name:
City:		Middle Name	
County:		Last Name	
State:	Zip Code	Suffix:	
Country:		Email:	
6. EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER *(EIN)*: ☐☐-☐☐☐☐☐☐☐		Phone Number (give area code)	Fax Number (give area code)

8. TYPE OF APPLICATION: ☐ New ☐ Continuation ☐ Revision If Revision, enter appropriate letter(s) in box(es) (See back of form for description of letters.) ☐ ☐ Other (specify)	**7. TYPE OF APPLICANT:** (See back of form for Application Types) Other (specify) **9. NAME OF FEDERAL AGENCY:**
10. CATALOG OF FEDERAL DOMESTIC ASSISTANCE NUMBER: ☐☐-☐☐☐ TITLE (Name of Program): **12. AREAS AFFECTED BY PROJECT** *(Cities, Counties, States, etc.)*:	**11. DESCRIPTIVE TITLE OF APPLICANT'S PROJECT:**

13. PROPOSED PROJECT		**14. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS OF:**	
Start Date:	Ending Date:	a. Applicant	b. Project

15. ESTIMATED FUNDING:		**16. IS APPLICATION SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY STATE EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 PROCESS?**	
a. Federal	$ .00	a. Yes. ☐ THIS PREAPPLICATION/APPLICATION WAS MADE AVAILABLE TO THE STATE EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 PROCESS FOR REVIEW ON	
b. Applicant	$ .00		
c. State	$ .00	DATE:	
d. Local	$ .00	b. No. ☐ PROGRAM IS NOT COVERED BY E. O. 12372	
e. Other	$ .00	☐ OR PROGRAM HAS NOT BEEN SELECTED BY STATE FOR REVIEW	
f. Program Income	$ .00	**17. IS THE APPLICANT DELINQUENT ON ANY FEDERAL DEBT?**	
g. TOTAL	$ .00	☐ Yes If "Yes" attach an explanation.	☐ No

18. TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, ALL DATA IN THIS APPLICATION/PREAPPLICATION ARE TRUE AND CORRECT. THE DOCUMENT HAS BEEN DULY AUTHORIZED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE APPLICANT AND THE APPLICANT WILL COMPLY WITH THE ATTACHED ASSURANCES IF THE ASSISTANCE IS AWARDED.

a. Authorized Representative		
Prefix	First Name	Middle Name
Last Name		Suffix
b. Title		c. Telephone Number (give area code)
d. Signature of Authorized Representative		e. Date Signed

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This is a standard form used by applicants as a required face sheet for pre-applications and applications submitted for Federal assistance. It will be used by Federal agencies to obtain applicant certification that States which have established a review and comment procedure in response to Executive Order 12372 and have selected the program to be included in their process, have been given an opportunity to review the applicant's submission.

Item:	Entry:	Item:	Entry:
1.	Select Type of Submission.	11.	Enter a brief descriptive title of the project. If more than one program is involved, you should append an explanation on a separate sheet. If appropriate (e.g., construction or real property projects), attach a map showing project location. For preapplications, use a separate sheet to provide a summary description of this project.
2.	Date application submitted to Federal agency (or State if applicable) and applicant's control number (if applicable).	12.	List only the largest political entities affected (e.g., State, counties, cities).
3.	State use only (if applicable).	13	Enter the proposed start date and end date of the project.
4.	Enter Date Received by Federal Agency Federal identifier number: If this application is a continuation or revision to an existing award, enter the present Federal Identifier number. If for a new project, leave blank.	14.	List the applicant's Congressional District and any District(s) affected by the program or project
5.	Enter legal name of applicant, name of primary organizational unit (including division, if applicable), which will undertake the assistance activity, enter the organization's DUNS number (received from Dun and Bradstreet), enter the complete address of the applicant (including country), and name, telephone number, e-mail and fax of the person to contact on matters related to this application.	15	Amount requested or to be contributed during the first funding/budget period by each contributor. Value of in kind contributions should be included on appropriate lines as applicable. If the action will result in a dollar change to an existing award, indicate only the amount of the change. For decreases, enclose the amounts in parentheses. If both basic and supplemental amounts are included, show breakdown on an attached sheet. For multiple program funding, use totals and show breakdown using same categories as item 15.
6.	Enter Employer Identification Number (EIN) as assigned by the Internal Revenue Service.	16.	Applicants should contact the State Single Point of Contact (SPOC) for Federal Executive Order 12372 to determine whether the application is subject to the State intergovernmental review process.
7.	Select the appropriate letter in the space provided. A. State B. County C. Municipal D. Township E. Interstate F. Intermunicipal G. Special District H. Independent School District I. State Controlled Institution of Higher Learning J. Private University K. Indian Tribe L. Individual M. Profit Organization N. Other (Specify) O. Not for Profit Organization	17.	This question applies to the applicant organization, not the person who signs as the authorized representative. Categories of debt include delinquent audit disallowances, loans and taxes.
8.	Select the type from the following list: • "New" means a new assistance award. • "Continuation" means an extension for an additional funding/budget period for a project with a projected completion date. • "Revision" means any change in the Federal Government's financial obligation or contingent liability from an existing obligation. If a revision enter the appropriate letter: A. Increase Award B. Decrease Award C. Increase Duration D. Decrease Duration	18	To be signed by the authorized representative of the applicant. A copy of the governing body's authorization for you to sign this application as official representative must be on file in the applicant's office. (Certain Federal agencies may require that this authorization be submitted as part of the application.)
9.	Name of Federal agency from which assistance is being requested with this application.		
10.	Use the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number and title of the program under which assistance is requested.		

BUDGET INFORMATION - Non-Construction Programs

OMB Approval No. 0348-0044

SECTION A - BUDGET SUMMARY

Grant Program Function or Activity (a)	Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number (b)	Estimated Unobligated Funds		New or Revised Budget		
		Federal (c)	Non-Federal (d)	Federal (e)	Non-Federal (f)	Total (g)
1.		$	$	$	$	$ 0.00
2.						0.00
3.						0.00
4.						0.00
5. Totals		$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00

SECTION B - BUDGET CATEGORIES

6. Object Class Categories	GRANT PROGRAM, FUNCTION OR ACTIVITY				Total
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
a. Personnel	$	$	$	$	$ 0.00
b. Fringe Benefits					0.00
c. Travel					0.00
d. Equipment					0.00
e. Supplies					0.00
f. Contractual					0.00
g. Construction					0.00
h. Other					0.00
i. Total Direct Charges *(sum of 6a-6h)*	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
j. Indirect Charges					0.00
k. TOTALS *(sum of 6i and 6j)*	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
7. Program Income	$	$	$	$	$ 0.00

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SECTION C - NON-FEDERAL RESOURCES				
(a) Grant Program	(b) Applicant	(c) State	(d) Other Sources	(e) TOTALS
8.	$	$	$	$ 0.00
9.				0.00
10.				0.00
11.				0.00
12. TOTAL *(sum of lines 8-11)*	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00

SECTION D - FORECASTED CASH NEEDS					
	Total for 1st Year	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter
13. Federal	$ 0.00	$	$	$	$
14. Non-Federal	0.00				
15. TOTAL *(sum of lines 13 and 14)*	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00

SECTION E - BUDGET ESTIMATES OF FEDERAL FUNDS NEEDED FOR BALANCE OF THE PROJECT				
(a) Grant Program	FUTURE FUNDING PERIODS (Years)			
	(b) First	(c) Second	(d) Third	(e) Fourth
16.	$	$	$	$
17.				
18.				
19.				
20. TOTAL *(sum of lines 16-19)*	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00

SECTION F - OTHER BUDGET INFORMATION	
21. Direct Charges:	22. Indirect Charges:
23. Remarks:	

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General Instructions

This form is designed so that application can be made for funds from one or more grant programs. In preparing the budget, adhere to any existing Federal grantor agency guidelines which prescribe how and whether budgeted amounts should be separately shown for different functions or activities within the program. For some programs, grantor agencies may require budgets to be separately shown by function or activity. For other programs, grantor agencies may require a breakdown by function or activity. Sections A, B, C, and D should include budget estimates for the whole project except when applying for assistance which requires Federal authorization in annual or other funding period increments. In the latter case, Sections A, B, C, and D should provide the budget for the first budget period (usually a year) and Section E should present the need for Federal assistance in the subsequent budget periods. All applications should contain a breakdown by the object class categories shown in Lines a-k of Section B.

Section A. Budget Summary Lines 1-4 Columns (a) and (b)

For applications pertaining to a *single* Federal grant program (Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog number) and *not requiring* a functional or activity breakdown, enter on Line 1 under Column (a) the Catalog program title and the Catalog number in Column (b).

For applications pertaining to a *single* program *requiring* budget amounts by multiple functions or activities, enter the name of each activity or function on each line in Column (a), and enter the Catalog number in Column (b). For applications pertaining to multiple programs where none of the programs require a breakdown by function or activity, enter the Catalog program title on each line in *Column* (a) and the respective Catalog number on each line in Column (b).

For applications pertaining to *multiple* programs where one or more programs *require* a breakdown by function or activity, prepare a separate sheet for each program requiring the breakdown. Additional sheets should be used when one form does not provide adequate space for all breakdown of data required. However, when more than one sheet is used, the first page should provide the summary totals by programs.

Lines 1-4, Columns (c) through (g)

For new applications, leave Column (c) and (d) blank. For each line entry in Columns (a) and (b), enter in Columns (e), (f), and (g) the appropriate amounts of funds needed to support the project for the first funding period (usually a year).

For continuing grant program applications, submit these forms before the end of each funding period as required by the grantor agency. Enter in Columns (c) and (d) the estimated amounts of funds which will remain unobligated at the end of the grant funding period only if the Federal grantor agency instructions provide for this. Otherwise, leave these columns blank. Enter in columns (e) and (f) the amounts of funds needed for the upcoming period. The amount(s) in Column (g) should be the sum of amounts in Columns (e) and (f).

For supplemental grants and changes to existing grants, do not use Columns (c) and (d). Enter in Column (e) the amount of the increase or decrease of Federal funds and enter in Column (f) the amount of the increase or decrease of non-Federal funds. In Column (g) enter the new total budgeted amount (Federal and non-Federal) which includes the total previous authorized budgeted amounts plus or minus, as appropriate, the amounts shown in Columns (e) and (f). The amount(s) in Column (g) should not equal the sum of amounts in Columns (e) and (f).

Line 5 - Show the totals for all columns used.

Section B Budget Categories

In the column headings (1) through (4), enter the titles of the same programs, functions, and activities shown on Lines 1-4, Column (a), Section A. When additional sheets are prepared for Section A, provide similar column headings on each sheet. For each program, function or activity, fill in the total requirements for funds (both Federal and non-Federal) by object class categories.

Line 6a-i - Show the totals of Lines 6a to 6h in each column.

Line 6j - Show the amount of indirect cost.

Line 6k - Enter the total of amounts on Lines 6i and 6j. For all applications for new grants and continuation grants the total amount in column (5), Line 6k, should be the same as the total amount shown in Section A, Column (g), Line 5. For supplemental grants and changes to grants, the total amount of the increase or decrease as shown in Columns (1)-(4), Line 6k should be the same as the sum of the amounts in Section A, Columns (e) and (f) on Line 5.

Line 7 - Enter the estimated amount of income, if any, expected to be generated from this project. Do not add or subtract this amount from the total project amount, Show under the program

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narrative statement the nature and source of income. The estimated amount of program income may be considered by the Federal grantor agency in determining the total amount of the grant.

Section C. Non-Federal Resources

Lines 8-11 Enter amounts of non-Federal resources that will be used on the grant. If in-kind contributions are included, provide a brief explanation on a separate sheet.

Column (a) - Enter the program titles identical to Column (a), Section A. A breakdown by function or activity is not necessary.

Column (b) - Enter the contribution to be made by the applicant.

Column (c) - Enter the amount of the State's cash and in-kind contribution if the applicant is not a State or State agency. Applicants which are a State or State agencies should leave this column blank.

Column (d) - Enter the amount of cash and in-kind contributions to be made from all other sources.

Column (e) - Enter totals of Columns (b), (c), and (d).

Line 12 - Enter the total for each of Columns (b)-(e). The amount in Column (e) should be equal to the amount on Line 5, Column (f), Section A.

Section D. Forecasted Cash Needs

Line 13 - Enter the amount of cash needed by quarter from the grantor agency during the first year.

Line 14 - Enter the amount of cash from all other sources needed by quarter during the first year.

Line 15 - Enter the totals of amounts on Lines 13 and 14.

Section E. Budget Estimates of Federal Funds Needed for Balance of the Project

Lines 16-19 - Enter in Column (a) the same grant program titles shown in Column (a), Section A. A breakdown by function or activity is not necessary. For new applications and continuation grant applications, enter in the proper columns amounts of Federal funds which will be needed to complete the program or project over the succeeding funding periods (usually in years). This section need not be completed for revisions (amendments, changes, or supplements) to funds for the current year of existing grants.

If more than four lines are needed to list the program titles, submit additional schedules as necessary.

Line 20 - Enter the total for each of the Columns (b)-(e). When additional schedules are prepared for this Section, annotate accordingly and show the overall totals on this line.

Section F. Other Budget Information

Line 21 - Use this space to explain amounts for individual direct object class cost categories that may appear to be out of the ordinary or to explain the details as required by the Federal grantor agency.

Line 22 - Enter the type of indirect rate (provisional, predetermined, final or fixed) that will be in effect during the funding period, the estimated amount of the base to which the rate is applied, and the total indirect expense.

Line 23 - Provide any other explanations or comments deemed necessary.

CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES

ASSURANCES AND CERTIFICATIONS SIGNATURE PAGE

The Department of Labor will not award a grant or agreement where the grantee/recipient has failed to accept the ASSURANCES AND CERTIFICATIONS contained in this section. By signing and returning this signature page, the grantee/recipient is providing the certifications set forth below:

A. Certification Regarding Lobbying, Debarment, Suspension, Other Responsibility Matters - Primary Covered Transactions and Certifications Regarding Drug-Free/Tobacco-Free Workplace,

B. Certification of Release of Information

C. Assurances - Non-Construction Programs

D. Applicant is not a 501(c)(4) organization

APPLICANT NAME and LEGAL ADDRESS:

If there is any reason why one of the assurances or certifications listed cannot be signed, please explain. Applicant need only submit and return this signature page with the grant application. All other instruction shall be kept on file by the applicant.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL TITLE

APPLICANT ORGANIZATION DATE SUBMITTED

Please Note: **This signature page and any pertinent attachments which may be required by these assurances and certifications shall be attached to the applicant's Cost Proposal.**

RECOMMENDED FORMAT FOR PLANNED QUARTERLY TECHNICAL PERFORMANCE GOALS

(data entered cumulatively)

Performance Goals

	1ST QTR	2ND QTR	3RD QTR	4TH QTR
Assessments				
Participants Enrolled				
Placed Into Transitional Or Permanent Housing				
Direct Placements Into Unsubsidized Employment				
Assisted Placements Into Unsubsidized Employment				
Combined Placements Into Unsubsidized Employment (Direct & Assisted)				
Cost Per Placement				
Number Retaining Jobs For 90 Days				
Number Retaining Jobs For 180 Days				
Rate of Placement Into Unsubsidized Employment				
Average Hourly Wage At Placement				

Employability Development Services - (As Applicable)

Classroom Training				
On-The-Job Training				
Remedial Education				
Vocational Counseling				
Pre-employment Services				
Occupational Skills Training				
_____				
_____				
_____				
_____				

Planned Expenditures

	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr
Total Expenditures	$	$	$	$
Administrative Costs	$	$	$	$
Participant Services*	$	$	$	$

*Services may include training and/or supportive.

Direct Cost Descriptions For Applicants and Sub-Applicants*

Position Title(s)	Annual Salary/Wage Rate	% of Time Charged to Grant	Proposed Administration Costs **	Proposed Program Costs

Sub-Total _____

	Administration	Program
Fringe Benefits For All Positions		_____
Contractual		_____
Travel		_____
Indirect Costs		_____
Equipment		_____
Supplies		

Total Costs ---------- _____

	Administration	Program

** Administrative costs are associated with the supervision and management of the program and do not directly or immediately affect participants.

* Direct costs for all funded positions for both applicant and sub-applicant(s) must be provided.

SURVEY ON ENSURING EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

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NOTE: Please place survey form directly behind the Standard Application for Federal Assistance (SF 424) fact sheet.

Purpose: This form is for applicants that are private nonprofit organizations (not including private universities). Please complete it to assist the federal government in ensuring that all qualified applicants, small or large, non-religious or faith-based, have an equal opportunity to compete for federal funding. Information provided on this form will not be considered in any way in making funding decisions and will not be included in the federal grants database.

1. Does the applicant have 501(c)(3) status?

   ☐ Yes ☐ No

2. How many full-time equivalent employees does the applicant have? *(Check only one box).*

   ☐ 3 or Fewer ☐ 15-50
   ☐ 4-5 ☐ 51-100
   ☐ 6-14 ☐ over 100

3. What is the size of the applicant's annual budget? *(Check only one box.)*

   ☐ Less Than $150,000
   ☐ $150,000 - $299,999
   ☐ $300,000 - $499,999
   ☐ $500,000 - $999,999
   ☐ $1,000,000 - $4,999,999
   ☐ $5,000,000 or more

4. Is the applicant a faith-based/religious organization?

   ☐ Yes ☐ No

5. Is the applicant a non-religious community-based organization?

   ☐ Yes ☐ No

6. Is the applicant an intermediary that will manage the grant on behalf of other organizations?

   ☐ Yes ☐ No

7. Has the applicant ever received a government grant or contract (Federal, State, or local)?

   ☐ Yes ☐ No

8. Is the applicant a local affiliate of a national organization?

   ☐ Yes ☐ No

Survey Instructions on Ensuring Equal Opportunity for Applicants

1. 501(c)(3) status is a legal designation provided on application to the Internal Revenue Service by eligible organizations. Some grant programs may require nonprofit applicants to have 501(c)(3) status. Other grant programs do not.

2. For example, two part-time employees who each work half-time equal one full-time equivalent employee. If the applicant is a local affiliate of a national organization, the responses to survey questions 2 and 3 should reflect the staff and budget size of the local affiliate.

3. Annual budget means the amount of money your organization spends each year on all of its activities.

4. Self-identify.

5. An organization is considered a community-based organization if its headquarters/service location shares the same zip code as the clients you serve.

6. An "intermediary" is an organization that enables a group of small organizations to receive and manage government funds by administering the grant on their behalf.

7. Self-explanatory.

8. Self-explanatory

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Veterans' Employment and Training Service

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Adequate Employment – See Unsubsidized Employment.

Administrative Costs - Administrative costs shall consist of all direct and indirect costs associated with the supervision and management of the program. These costs shall include the administrative costs, both direct and indirect, of sub-recipients and contractors.

Adult Basic Education - Education for adults whose inability to speak, read, or write the English language or to effectively reason mathematically, constitutes a substantial impairment of their ability to get or retain employment commensurate with their real ability, which is designed to help eliminate such inability and raise the level, of education of such individuals with a view to making them less likely to become dependent on others, to improve their ability to benefit from occupational training and otherwise increase their opportunities for more productive and profitable employment, and to make them better able to meet their adult responsibilities.

Ancillary Services – Employment and training related activities other than core training that may enhance a participant's employability.

Apprenticeship Training – A formal occupational training program that combines on-the-job training and related instruction and in which workers learn the practical and conceptual skills required for a skilled occupation, craft, or trade. It may be registered or unregistered.

Assessment/Intake - A process for screening individual applicants for program eligibility making the level of need determinations; making an initial determination what services or programs can best benefit the applicants; providing information about services, program eligibility, and the availability of those services, and the routing or selecting individual applicants for particular service delivery or program participation.

Assisted Placements Into Unsubsidized Employment - Assisted placements into unsubsidized employment should be recorded where the definition for placement with unsubsidized employment above is met, but the placement was arranged by an agency to which the homeless veteran was referred to.

Average Hourly Wage At Placement - The average hourly wage at placement is the average hourly wage rates at placement of all assisted placements plus direct placements.

Assurance and Certifications - The act of signifying intent to comply with applicable federal and State laws and regulations as a condition for receiving and expanding USDOL grant funds.

Barriers to Employment - Characteristics that may hinder an individual's hiring promotion or participation in the labor force. Identification of these barriers will vary by location and labor market. Some examples of individuals who may face barriers to employment include: single parents, women, displaced homemakers, youth, public assistance recipients, older workers, substance abusers, teenage parents, certain veterans, ethnic minorities, and those with limited English speaking ability or a criminal record or with a lack of education, work experience, credential, child care arrangements, transportation or alternative working parents.

Campaign Badge veteran - A veteran who served on active duty during the war (e.g., WWII), action (e.g., Korea, Vietnam), in a campaign, or an expedition for which a campaign badge of an expeditionary medal has been authorized (e.g. Bosnia, Grenada, Haiti, Panama, Southeast Asia, and Somalia).

Case Management - A client centered approach in the delivery of intensive services, designed to prepare and coordinate comprehensive employment plans for participants, to assure access to the necessary training and supportive services, and to provide support during program participation and after job placement.

Case Manager - One who coordinates, facilitates or provides direct services to a client or trainee from application through placement, post placement follow-up, or other case closing, exclusively, through periodic contact and the provision of appropriate assistance.

Classroom Training – Any training of the type normally conducted in an institutional setting, including vocational education, which is designed to provide individuals with the technical skills and information required to perform a specific job or group of jobs. It may also include training designed to enhance the employability of individuals by upgrading basic skills, throughout the provision of courses such as remedial education, training in the primary language of persons with limited English language proficiency, or English as a second language training.

Close Out – Grant close out is the process by which the Federal grantor agency (in the case of VETS grants, Department of Labor) determines that all applicable administrative actions and all required work of the grant have been completed by the grantee and the grantor.

Cognizant Federal Agency - The federal agency that is assigned audit or indirect cost rate approval responsibility for a particular recipient organization by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB Circular A-87 and A-102 [20 CFR, Part 97]).

Community Based Organization – means a private non-profit organization that is representative of a community or a significant segment of a community and that has demonstrated expertise and effectiveness in the field of workforce investment. Faith-Based organizations are considered a subset.

Cost Per Placement - The cost per placement into unsubsidized employment is obtained by dividing the total funds expended by the total of direct placements plus assisted placements.

Counseling - A form of assistance which provides guidance in the development of a participant's vocational goals and the means to achieve those goals; and/or assist a participant with the solution to one or more individual problems which may pose a barrier (s) to sustained employment.

Counselor - (Employment/Vocational): A trained and qualified professional authorized to provide direct assistance (beyond advising and informing) through planning, testing, training and otherwise readying an individual for sustained employment.

Customized Training – A training program designed to meet the special requirements of an employer who has entered into an agreement with a Service Delivery Area to hire individuals who are trained to the employer's specifications. The training may occur at the employer's site or may be provided by a training vendor able to meet the employer's requirements. Such training usually requires a commitment from the employer to hire a specified number of trainees who satisfactorily complete the training.

Direct Placements Into Unsubsidized Employment - A direct placement into unsubsidized employment must be a placement made directly by staff with an established employer who covers all employment costs for 20 or more hours per week at or above the minimum wage. Day labor and other very short-term placements should not be recorded as placements into unsubsidized employment.

Disabled Veteran - A veteran who is entitled to compensation under laws administered by the Veterans Administration; or an individual who was medically discharged or otherwise released from active duty, due to service-connected disability.

Disallowed Costs – Disallowed costs are those charges to a grant that the grantor agency (or its representative) determines to be unallowable in accordance with the applicable Federal Cost Principles or other conditions in the grant.

Disabled Veterans' Outreach Program (DVOP) - A program of Federal assistance through grants to States to staff and support in accordance with 38 U.S.C. 4103A, appointed to perform a number of duties chief among which are direct employer contact, particularly with Federal contractors, Federal employers using individualized job development techniques, and with veterans (particularly with disabled veterans) using a case management approach to client-centered services.

Economically Disadvantaged – An individual who (a) receives, or is a member of a family which receives, cash welfare payments under a Federal, state, or local welfare program; (b) has, or is a member of a family which has, received a total family income for the six-month period prior to application for the program involved (exclusive of unemployment compensation, child support payments, and welfare payments) which, in relation to family size, was not in excess of the higher of (i) the official poverty line (as defined by the Office of Management and Budget, and revised annually in accordance with section 673 (2) of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981 (42 U.S.C. 9902(2)), or (ii) 70 percent of the lower living standard income level; (c) is receiving (or has been determined within the 6-month period prior to the application for

program involved to be eligible to receive) food stamps pursuant to the Food Stamp At of 1977; (d) qualifies as a homeless individual under section 103 of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Acct; (e) is a foster child on behalf of whom state or local government payments are made or (f) in cases permitted by regulations of the Secretary, is an individual with a disability whose income meets the requirements of clause (a) or (b), but who is a member of a family whose income does not meet such requirements.

Eligible - Meeting the minimum requisite qualifications to be considered for the provision of services or entry into a position under a funded program or as required by law.

Employability Development Services (EDS) - This includes services and activities that will develop or increase the employability of the participant. Generally, this includes vocational counseling, classroom and on-the-job training, pre-employment services (such as job seeking skills and job search workshops), temporary or trial employment, sheltered work environments and other related services and activities. Planned services should assist the participant in addressing specific barriers to employment and finding a job. These activities may be provided by the applicant or by a Sub-grantee, contractor or another source such as the local Workforce Investment Act program or the DVOP personnel or LVERs. Such services are not mandatory but entries should reflect the services described in the application and the expected number of participants receiving or enrolled in such services during each quarter. Participants may be recorded more than once if they receive more than one service.

Employment Development Plan (EDP) – An individualized written plan or intervention strategy for serving an individual which, as a result of an assessment of the veteran's economic needs, vocational interests, aptitudes, work history, etc., defines a reasonable vocational or employment goal and the developmental services or steps required to reach the goal and which documents the accomplishments made by the individual.

Employment Service – the state level organization or public labor exchange system affiliated with the Department of Labor's United States Employment Service.

Enlistments - Individuals who have expressed an interest, signed up for a workshop or enrollment in the program.

Entered Employment - Applicants for service who were placed in jobs or otherwise obtained employment as a result of services used or received.

Entered Employment Rate – This is a method used to determine the percentage of participants who become employed. The percentage is calculated by dividing the number of total participants who were enrolled in the program by the number of participants who were placed or entered employment through the program.

Enrolled Veteran – Shall be synonymous with the term participant. A veteran who has been determined eligible for services at intake and who is receiving or scheduled to receive core training.

Faith-Based Organization – see "community-based organization".

Follow-up - The tracking of clients for a period of time up to 180 days after initial placement, last referral date for services or completion of training programs to determine current status, outcome or whether to offer additional services (such as additional referral, job retention advisement, etc.).

Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) – a personnel charge to the grant equal to 2,080 hours per year.

FY - Fiscal Year. For federal government purposes, any twelve month period beginning on October 1 and ending on September 30.

General Equivalency Diploma (GED) – A high school equivalency diploma that is obtained by passing the General Educational Diploma Equivalency Test that measures the application of skills and knowledge generally associated with four (4) years of traditional high school instruction.

Grant Officer's Technical Representative (GOTR) - An individual (usually the DVET) serving on behalf of the Grant Officer who maintains and ensures the integrity of the approved grant agreement by reviewing and making recommendations regarding technical matters not involving a change in scope, cost, or conditions.

Homeless or homeless individual – includes persons who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence. It also includes persons whose primary nighttime residence is either supervised public or private shelter designed to provide temporary living accommodations; an institution that provides a temporary residence for individuals intended to be institutionalized; or a private place not designed for, or ordinarily used as, a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings. [Reference 42 U.S.C., Section 11302 (a)].

Indirect cost - A cost that is incurred for a common or joint purpose benefiting more than one cost objective and that is not readily assignable to the cost objective specifically benefited.

In-kind Services – Property or services which benefit federally assisted project or program and which are contributed without charge to the grantee.

Institutional Skills Training – training conducted in an institutional setting and designed to ensure that individuals acquire the skills, knowledge, and abilities necessary to perform a job or group of jobs in an occupation for which there is a demand.

Intake – A process for screening individual applicants for eligibility; making an initial determination whether the program can benefit the applicants; providing information about the program, its services and the availability of those services; and selecting individual applicants for participation in the program.

Intensive Services - The provision of concentrated staff services to clients who indicate the need for facilitation or interventions to secure lasting employment. The case management approach to service delivery is a viable model for successfully providing such services and obtaining the clients goals.

Job Club Activities – A form of job search assistance provided in a group setting. Usually job clubs provide instruction and assistance in completing job applications and developing resumes and focus on maximizing employment opportunities in the labor market and developing job leads. Many job clubs use telephone banks and provide group support to participants before and after they interview for job openings.

Job Development - The process of marketing a program participant to employers, including informing employers about what the participant can do and soliciting a job interview for that individual with the employer (targeted job development); and the development of one or more job openings or training opportunities with one or more employers using a variety of techniques and means of contact.

Job Placement Services – Job placement services are geared towards placing participants in jobs and may involve activities such as job search assistance, training, or job development. These services are initiated to enhance and expedite participants' transition from training to employment.

Job Search Assistance - An activity, which focuses on building practical skills and knowledge to identify and initiate employer contact and conduct successful interview with employers. Various approaches may be used to include participation in a job club, receive instruction in identifying personal strengths and goals, resume application preparation, learn interview techniques, and receive labor market information. Job search assistance is often self-service activity in which individuals obtain information about specific job openings or general jobs or occupational information.

Labor Exchange - Refers to the services provided to job seekers and employers by the State Employment Services Agencies, or other designated entities. Preparatory services to job seekers may include assessment, testing, counseling, provision of labor market information, targeted job development, resulting in job referral and follow-up with former applicants and prospective employers. Employer-oriented services may include accepting job orders, screening applicants, referring qualified applicants and providing follow-up to foster job retention and develop additional job openings or training opportunities.

Labor Exchange Delivery System (LEDS) - Describes the system of matching jobs and training opportunities with applicants operating with Federal employment and job training funds.

Labor Force - The sum of all civilians classified as employed and unemployed and members of the Armed Forces stationed in the United States. [Bureau of Labor Statistics Bulletin 2175].

Labor Market Area – an economically integrated geographic area within which individuals can reside and find employment within a reasonable distance or can readily change employment without changing their place of residence.

Literacy and Bilingual Training – See Adult Basic Education.

Local Veterans' Employment Representative (LVER) Program - A program of Federal assistance through grants to States to staff in accordance with 38 U.S.C.4104 to perform a number of duties, chief among which are the provision of intensive (case management) services to targeted eligible veterans with emphasis on VA, VR&E, and to functionally supervise without necessarily exercising line supervisor authority over the provision of services to veterans by SDP staff.

Minimum Economic Need – the level of wages paid to a program participant that will enable that participant to become economically self-sufficient.

Minority Veterans – for the purposes of the HVRP and VWIP programs, veterans who are Workforce Investment Act (WIA) eligible and are members of the following ethnic categories: African American, Hispanic, American Indian or Alaskan Native, Asian or Pacific Islander.

National Veterans' Training Institute (NVTI) - An agency contracted with USDOL/VETS to develop and provide skills development and enhancement training to individuals who are determined by the Assistant Secretary for Veterans' Employment and Training and who deliver or monitor the provision of employment and training services to veterans (38 U.S.C. 4109).

Number Retaining Job for 90 Days -To be counted as retaining a job for 90 days, continuous employment with one or more employers for at least 90 days must be verified and the definition for either direct placement or assisted placement into unsubsidized employment above is met. This allows clients who have moved into a position with a different employer to be recorded as retaining the job for 90 days as long as the client has been steadily employed for that length of time.

Number Retaining Job For 180 Days - To be counted as retaining a job for 180 days, continuous employment with one or more employers for at least 180 days must be verified, and the definition for either placement or assisted placement into unsubsidized employment above is met. This allows clients who have moved into a position with a different employer to be recorded as retaining the job for 180 days as long as the client has been steadily employed for that length of time.

Occupational Skills Training – Includes both (1) vocational education which is designed to provide individuals with the technical skills and information required to perform a specific job or group of jobs, and (2) on-the-job training.

Offender – Any adult or juvenile who has been subject to any stage of the criminal justice process for whom services under this program may be beneficial or who requires assistance in overcoming artificial barriers to employment resulting from a record of arrest or conviction.

On-the-Job Training (OJT) – means training by an employer that is provided to a paid participant while engaged in productive work in a job that: (a) provides knowledge or skill essential to the full and adequate performance of the job; (b) provides reimbursement to the employer of up to 50 percent of the wage rate of the participant, for the extraordinary costs of providing the training and additional supervision related to the participant is being trained, taking into account the content of the training, the prior work experience of the participant, and the service strategy of the participant, as appropriate. Usually in the OJT agreement, there is a promise on the part of the employer to hire the trainee upon successful completion of the training.

On-Site Industry-Specific Training – This is training which is specifically tailored to the needs of a particular employer and/or industry. Participants may be trained according to specifications developed by an employer for an occupation or group of occupations at a job site. Such training is usually presented to a group of participants in an environment or job site representative of the actual job/occupation, and there is often an obligation on the part of the employer to hire a certain number of participants who successfully complete the training.

Outreach - An active effort by program staff to encourage individuals in the designated service delivery area to avail themselves of program services.

Outside Funds – Resources pledged to the grant program that have a quantified dollar value. Such resources may include training funds from programs such as WIA Title I that are put aside for the exclusive use by participants enrolled in a program. Outside funds do not include in-kind services.

Participant – means an individual who has been determined to be eligible to participate in and who is receiving services (except follow-up services) under the program. Participation shall be deemed to commence on the first day, following determination of eligibility, on which the individual began receiving subsidized employment, training, or other services provided under the program. An individual who receives only outreach and/or intake assessment services does not meet this definition.

Participants Enrolled - A client should be recorded as having been enrolled when an intake form has been completed, and services, referral, and/or employment has been received through the program. This should be an unduplicated count over the year, i.e., each participant is recorded only once, regardless of the number of times she or he receives assistance.

Participants Services - This cost includes supportive, training, or social rehabilitation services, which will assist in stabilizing the participant. This category should reflect all costs other than administrative.

Placed Into Transitional Or Permanent Housing - A placement into transitional or permanent housing should be recorded when a veteran served by the program upgrades his/her housing situation during the reporting period from shelter/streets to transitional housing or permanent housing or from transitional housing to permanent housing. Placements resulting from referrals by staff shall be counted. This item is however an unduplicated count over the year, except that a participant may be counted once upon entering transitional housing and again upon obtaining permanent housing.

Placement – the act of securing unsubsidized employment for or by a participant.

Placement Rate - This is a method used to determine the percentage of participants who become employed. The figure is calculated by dividing the number of total participants who were registered for services or enrolled in the program by the number of applicants or program participants who were placed or otherwise entered employment.

Pre-apprenticeship Training – Any training designed to increase or upgrade specific academic, or cognitive, or physical skills required as a prerequisite for entry into a specific trade or occupation.

Pre-enrollment Assessment – The process of determining the employability and training needs of individuals before enrolling them into the program. Individual factors usually addressed during pre-enrollment assessment include: an evaluation and/or measurement of vocational interests and aptitudes, present abilities, previous education and work experience, income requirements, and personal circumstances.

Preference - The application of priorities in the consideration and selection through appointment or assignment of staff to funded positions, or in the provision of direct services and order of referral to listed openings in the order designated by statute regulation, and grant agreement.

Program Resources – Includes the total of both program or grant and outside funds.

Program Year (PY) - The 12-month period beginning July 1 in the fiscal year for which the appropriation is made, and ending on the following June 30.

Qualified - An individual who has been determined to possess the requisite knowledge, skills, and abilities for positions within the context of the selection process used to identify and rank persons possessing those attributes.

Rate of Placement Into Unsubsidized Employment - The rate of placement into unsubsidized employment is obtained by dividing the number placed into unsubsidized employment, plus the number of assisted placements into unsubsidized employment by the number of clients enrolled.

Recently Separated Veteran - Refers to an individual who applies for program participation or assistance within 48 months of separation from active U.S. military service [29 U.S.C. 1503 (27) (c)].

Remedial Education – Education instruction, particularly in basic skills, to raise an individual's general competency level in order to succeed in vocational education or skill training programs, or employment.

Service Connected Disabled - Refers to (1) a veteran who is entitled to compensation under laws administered by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, or (2) an individual who was discharged or released from active duty because of a service-connected disability (38 U.S.C. 4211 (3); 29 U.S.C., Chapter 19, section 1503 (27) (C)

Service Delivery Point (SDP) - Includes offices of the public employment delivery system operated directly or by contract with the State Workforce Agency as grantee within a State and may include One –Stop Career Centers, local employment service offices, and any satellite or itinerant offices at which labor exchange services are available.

Solicitation for Grant Applications (SGA) - A document which provides the requirements and instructions for the submission by eligible applicants identified in the document's text of requests for Federal domestic assistance (funds) for one or more programs or grants-in-aid.

State Workforce Agency (SWA) - The State level organization, as affiliated with the former United States Employment Service.

Subgrant – An award of financial assistance in the form of money, or property in lieu of money, made under a grant by a grantee to an eligible subgrantee.

Subgrantee – The government or other legal entity to which a subgrant is awarded and which is accountable to the grantee for the use of the funds provided.

Suitable Employment – See "Unsubsidized Employment".

Substance Abuser – An individual dependent on alcohol or drugs, especially narcotics, whose dependency constitutes or results in a substantial barrier to employment.

Supportive Services – means services which are necessary to enable an individual eligible for training, but who cannot afford to pay for such services, to participate in a training program funded under the grant. Such supportive services may include transportation, health care, financial assistance (except as a post-termination service), drug and alcohol abuse counseling and referral, individual and family counseling, special services and materials for individuals with disabilities, job coaches, child care and dependent care, temporary shelter, financial counseling, and other reasonable expenses required for participation in the training program and may be provided in-kind or through cash assistance.

Targeted Job Development - The identification and marketing of a group of qualified applicants with similar occupations or employment barriers requiring personal visitation/phone contact with those employers likely to employ these individuals.

Total Planned Expenditures - Identified forecasted financial needs to accomplish programmatic objectives broken down into fiscal quarters.

Unsubsidized Employment – Employment not financed from funds provided under the grant. In the grant program the term "adequate" or "suitable" employment is also used to mean placement in unsubsidized employment which pays an income adequate to accommodate the participants' minimum economic needs.

Upgrading or Retraining – Training given to an individual who needs such training to advance above an entry level or dead-end position. This training shall include assisting veterans in acquiring needed state certification to be employed in the same field as they were trained in the military (i.e., Commercial Truck Driving License (CDL), Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), Airframe & Power Plant (A&P), Teaching Certificate, etc.)

Veteran - An individual who served in the United States active military, naval, or air service, and who was discharged or released there from under conditions other than dishonorable (29 U.S.C. Chapter 19, section 1503 (27) (A) [for WIA, Section 168 (VWIP) and WIA, Title I training/services]).

Veterans' Workforce Investment Program (VWIP) – Competitively awarded employment and training grants to meet the needs of veterans with significant barriers to employment; with service-connected disabilities; who served on active duty in the armed forces during a campaign or expedition for which a campaign badge has been authorized; and recently separated veterans. The U.S. Department of Labor, Veterans' Employment and Training Service awards VWIP grants as authorized under the Workforce Investment Act (WIA), Section 168.

Vocational Exploration Training – Through assessments such as interest inventories and/or counseling, a process of identifying occupations or occupational areas in which a person may find satisfaction and potential, and for which his or her aptitudes and other qualifications may be appropriate.

Vocational Guidance - The provision of information, suggestions, and advice through discussion with individuals who are considering a geographical or vocational choice or change, relating to their career decision.

Wartime Veteran - See "campaign veteran above."

Welfare and/or Public Assistance recipient – An individual who, during the course of the program year, receives or is a member of a family who receives cash welfare or public assistance payments under a Federal, state, or local welfare program.

Workforce Investment Act (WIA) – The purpose of this Act is to establish programs to prepare youth and unskilled adults for entry into the labor force and to afford job training to those economically disadvantaged individuals and other individuals, including veterans, who face serious barriers to employment and who are in need of such training to obtain prospective employment. The Act requires the Assistant Secretary for Veterans' Employment and Training to consult with the Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs to ensure that programs funded under VWIP of this Act meet the employment and training needs of service-connected disabled, Campaign, and recently separated veterans and are coordinated, to the maximum extent feasible, with related programs and activities.

Work Experience – A temporary activity (six months or less) which provides an individual with the opportunity to acquire the skills and knowledge necessary to perform a job, including appropriate work habits and behaviors, and which may be combined with classroom or other training. When wages are paid to a participant on work experience and when such wage are wholly paid for under WIA, the participant may not receive this training under a private, for profit employer.

Youth – An individual between 20 and 24 years of age.

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LIST OF COMMON ACRONYMS

ADVET	Assistant Director for Veterans' Employment and Training
ASVET	Assistant Secretary (of Labor) for Veterans' Employment and Training
CAP	Corrective Action Plan
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CWT	Compensated Work Therapy
DOD	Department of Defense
DV	Disabled Veteran
DVA	Department of Veterans Affairs (see also VA)
DVET	Director for Veterans' Employment and Training Service
DVOP	Disabled Veterans' Outreach Program
DTAP	Disabled Veterans' Transition Assistance Program
EDP	Employment Development Plan
ES	Employment Service
ETA	Employment and Training Administration
FARS	Financial Accounting and Reporting System
FCJL	Federal Contractor Job Listing
FCP	Federal Contracting Program
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Administration
FY	Fiscal Year
GOTR	Grant Officer's Technical Representative
GPRA	Government Performance and Results Act of 1994
HHS	Department of Health and Human Services
HHS/PMS	Health and Human Services/Payment Management System
HUD	Department of Housing and Urban Development
HVCAA	Homeless Veterans' Comprehensive Assistance Act - Title 38 USC, Section 2001
HVRP	Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Project
IEP	Individual Employment Plan
ISS	Individual Support System
IV-TP	Incarcerated Veterans' Transition Program
LEDS	Labor Exchange Delivery System
LESO	Local Employment Service Office
LMI	Labor Market Information
LVER	Local Veterans' Employment Representative
MHAA	McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act - Title 42 USC, Section 11302(a)
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
NOGA	Notice of Grant Award
NVTI	National Veterans' Training Institute
OASAM	Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management
OASVET	Office of the Assistant Secretary (of Labor) for Veterans' Employment and Training
OCD	Office of Cost Determination
OMB	Office of Management and Budget
OPM	Office of Personnel Management
OJT	On-the-Job-Training
PAC	Post Award Conference
PB	Personnel Benefits
PL	Public Law
PS	Personal Services

PY	Program Year
RAVET	Regional Administrator for Veterans' Employment and Training
SDP	Service Delivery Point
SDV	Special Disabled Veteran
SF	Standard Form
SGA	Solicitation For Grant Applications
SSA	Social Security Administration
SWA	State Workforce Agency
TAP	Transition Assistance Program
UCX	Unemployment Compensation (Insurance) for ex-service members
UI	Unemployment Insurance
USC	United States Code
USDOL	United States Department of Labor
VA	Department of Veterans Affairs
VARO	Veterans' Administration Regional Office
VAMC	Veterans' Administration Medical Center
VETS	Veterans' Employment and Training Service
VEV	Vietnam-Era Veteran
VOE	Veterans and Other Eligible Persons
VPL	Veterans Program Letter
VR&E	Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (formerly VR&C)
VSO	Veteran Service Organization
VWIP	Veterans' Workforce Investment Program (WIA, Section 168)
WIA	Workforce Investment Act of 1998
WIB	Workforce Investment Board

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Veterans Employment and Training Service

Non-Urban Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP) Grants for Program Year (PY) 2004

Funding Opportunity: Non-Urban Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP) Grants for Program Year (PY) 2004.

Announcement Type: Initial Solicitation for Grant Applications (SGA).

Funding Opportunity Number: SGA 04–04.

Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance #: 17–805.

Date(s): Applications are due on May 13, 2004. Period of Performance is PY 2004, July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005.

Executive Summary (Applicants For Grant Funds Should Read This Notice In Its Entirety): The U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL), Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS), announces a grant competition that complies with the requirements of 38 U.S.C. 2021, as added by section 5 of Public Law 107–95, the Homeless Veterans Comprehensive Assistance Act of 2001 (HVCAA). Section 2021 requires the Secretary of Labor to conduct, directly or through grant or contract, such programs as the Secretary determines appropriate to expedite the reintegration of homeless veterans into the labor force.

The Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP) grants are designated in three (3) award categories: urban, non-urban, and intermediaries. Separate Solicitations for Grant Applications (SGAs) are being issued for each grant category. This is the solicitation for "Non-Urban HVRP grants.'' Previous HVRP grants have provided valuable information on approaches and techniques that work in the different environments. The only jurisdictions that are eligible to be served through this non-urban competition for HVRPs are the metropolitan areas *outside* of the 75 U.S. cities largest in population and the city of San Juan, Puerto Rico (*see* Appendix I).

HVRP grants are intended to address two objectives: (1) To provide services to assist in reintegrating homeless veterans into meaningful employment within the labor force, and (2) to stimulate the development of effective service delivery systems that will address the complex problems facing homeless veterans. Successful applicants will design programs that assist eligible veterans by providing job placement services, job training, counseling, supportive services, and other assistance to expedite the reintegration of homeless veterans into the labor force. Successful programs will also be designed to be flexible in addressing the universal as well as the local or regional problems that have had a negative impact on homeless veterans reentering the workforce.

Under this solicitation covering Fiscal Year (FY) 2004, VETS anticipates that up to $1,600,000 will be available for grant awards up to a maximum of $200,000 for each grant award. VETS expects to award approximately eight (8) grants. This notice contains all of the necessary information and forms to apply for grant funding. The period of performance for these PY 2004 grants will be July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005. Two (2) optional years of funding may be available, depending upon Congressional funding appropriations, the agency's decision to exercise the optional year(s) of funding, and satisfactory grantee performance.

I. Funding Opportunity Description

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1. Program Concept and Emphasis

HVRP grants are intended to address two objectives: (a) to provide services to assist in reintegrating homeless veterans into meaningful employment within the labor force, and (b) to stimulate the development of effective service delivery systems that will address the complex problems facing homeless veterans.

For this Fiscal Year (FY) 2004 grant solicitation, VETS seeks applicants that will provide direct services through a case management approach that networks with Federal, State, and local resources for veteran support programs. Successful applicants will have clear strategies for employment and retention of employment for homeless veterans. Successful applicants will design programs that assist eligible veterans by providing job placement services, job training, counseling, supportive services, and other assistance to expedite the reintegration of homeless veterans into the labor force. Successful applicants will also design programs that are flexible in addressing the universal as well as the local or regional problems that have had a negative impact on homeless veterans reentering the workforce. The HVRP in PY 2004 will seek to continue to strengthen development of effective service delivery systems, to provide comprehensive services through a case management approach that address complex problems facing eligible veterans trying to transition into gainful employment, and to improve strategies for employment and retention in employment.

The only jurisdictions eligible to be served through this Non-Urban HVRP competition in PY 2004 are the metropolitan areas *outside* of the 75 U.S. cities largest in population and the city of San Juan, Puerto Rico (*See* Appendix I).

2. Community Awareness Activities

In order to promote networking between the HVRP funded program and local service providers (and thereby eliminate gaps or duplication in services and enhance the provision of assistance to participants), the grantee must provide project orientation workshops and/or program awareness activities that it determines are the most feasible for the types of providers listed below. Grantees are encouraged to demonstrate strategies for incorporating small faith-based and community organizations (defined as organizations with social services budgets of approximately $300,000 or seven (7) or fewer full-time employees) into their outreach plans. Project orientation workshops conducted by grantees have been an effective means of sharing information and informing the community of the availability of other services; they are encouraged but not mandatory. Rather, grantees will have the flexibility to attend service provider meetings, seminars, and conferences, to outstation staff, and to develop individual service contracts as well as to involve other agencies in program planning.

The grantee will be responsible for providing project awareness, program information, and orientation activities to the following:

A. Direct providers of services to homeless veterans including shelter and