

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Economic Development Administration**

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Solicitation of Applications for the National Technical Assistance, Training, Research and Evaluation Program: Economic Development Research Project: Regional Innovation Systems**AGENCY:** Economic Development Administration (EDA), Department of Commerce.**ACTION:** Notice to extend application closing date.**SUMMARY:** The Economic Development Administration (EDA) publishes this notice to extend the closing date for the submission of applications for a regional innovation systems research project under FY 2009 National Technical Assistance, Training, Research and Evaluation program (NTA Program) funding.**DATES:** The new closing date and time for receipt of electronic and paper applications for funding a regional innovation systems research project under FY 2009 NTA Program funding is Monday, December 1, 2008, at 5 p.m. Eastern Time.**ADDRESSES:** Applications may be submitted in two formats: (i) In paper format at the addresses provided below; or (ii) electronically in accordance with the procedures provided on <http://www.Grants.gov> or via e-mail. The content of the application is the same for paper submissions as it is for electronic submissions. EDA will not accept facsimile transmissions of applications.*Paper Submissions:* Applicants should submit paper submissions (via postal mail, overnight delivery or hand-delivery) to: FY 2009 Economic Development Research Project Competition: Regional Innovation Systems, Kerstin Millius, Program Analyst, Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room 7009, Washington, DC 20230.

Applicants are advised that, due to mail security measures, EDA's receipt of mail sent via the United States Postal Service may be substantially delayed or suspended in delivery. Applicants may wish to use a guaranteed overnight delivery service.

Electronic Submissions: Applicants may submit completed applications electronically in accordance with the instructions provided at <http://www.Grants.gov>.*www.Grants.gov*. On <http://www.grants.gov/search/basic.do>, applicants can perform a "Basic Search" for this grant opportunity by completing the "Keyword Search;" the "Search by Funding Opportunity Number;" or the "Search by CFDA Number" field, and then clicking the "Search" button. The Funding Opportunity Number for this grant opportunity is EDA10312008RESEARCH and the CFDA number is 11.312.EDA strongly encourages that applicants not wait until the application closing date to begin the application process through <http://www.Grants.gov>.Applicants should access the following link for assistance in navigating <http://www.Grants.gov> and for a list of useful resources: http://www.grants.gov/applicants/applicant_help.jsp. If you do not find an answer to your question under Frequently Asked Questions, try consulting the Applicant's User Guide. If you still cannot find an answer to your question, contact <http://www.Grants.gov> via e-mail at support@grants.gov or telephone at 1.800.518.4726. The hours of operation for <http://www.Grants.gov> are Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Eastern Time (except for federal holidays). Applicants also may submit completed applications by e-mail to Kerstin Millius, Program Analyst, at kmillius@eda.doc.gov. The preferred file format for electronic attachments when submitting by either electronic submission method is portable document format (PDF); however, EDA will accept electronic files in Microsoft Word, WordPerfect, or Microsoft Excel formats. For a copy of the FFO announcement for this request for applications, please see the Web site listed below under "Electronic Access."**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** For additional information or for a paper copy of the FFO announcement, please contact Kerstin Millius, Program Analyst, via e-mail at kmillius@eda.doc.gov (preferred) or by telephone at (202) 482-3280.EDA's Internet Web site at <http://www.eda.gov> also contains additional information on EDA and its programs, including the NTA Program.**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On October 31, 2008, EDA published in the **Federal Register** (73 FR 64909) the original notice and request for applications regarding the regional innovation systems research project competition under FY 2009 NTA Program funding. The original deadline for receipt of applications was November 17, 2008, at 5 p.m. Eastern Time. Upon review of the originalclosing date, EDA realized that it allowed a relatively short window of time for applicants to submit a complete application. To ensure that applicants have ample time to submit applications, EDA is extending the deadline under this competitive solicitation. The new deadline for receipt of electronic and paper applications is December 1, 2008, at 5 p.m. Eastern Time. All applications that are submitted by December 1, 2008, at 5 p.m. Eastern Time will be considered timely. All other information and requirements for the regional innovation systems research project competition under FY 2009 NTA Program funding remain as stated in the October 31, 2008 **Federal Register** notice and request for applications (73 FR 64909).*Electronic Access:* The FFO announcement for the regional innovation systems research project competition under FY 2009 NTA Program funding is available at <http://www.Grants.gov>. Additional information is available through EDA's Internet Web site at <http://www.eda.gov>.

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BILLING CODE 3510-24-P**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****Economic Development Administration****Notice of Petitions by Firms for Determination of Eligibility To Apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance****AGENCY:** Economic Development Administration, Department of Commerce.**ACTION:** Notice and Opportunity for Public Comment.Pursuant to Section 251 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2341 *et seq.*), the Economic Development Administration (EDA) has received petitions for certification of eligibility to apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance from the firms listed below. EDA has initiated separate investigations to determine whether increased imports into the United States of articles like or directly competitive with those produced by each firm contributed importantly to the total or partial separation of the firm's workers, or threat thereof, and to a decrease in sales or production of each petitioning firm.