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(4) Projects that provide students with an opportunity to become acquainted with business, industry, the labor market, and training opportunities, including secondary educational programs that—

(i) Have at least one characteristic of an apprenticeable occupation as recognized by the Department of Labor or the State Apprenticeship Agency, in accordance with the National Apprenticeship Act (29 U.S.C. 50);

(ii) Are conducted in concert with local business, industry, labor, and other appropriate apprenticeship training entities; and

(iii) Are designed to prepare participants for an apprenticeable occupation or provide information concerning apprenticeable occupations and their prerequisites.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 2382(a), (b))

§ 403.161 How must funds be used under the Comprehensive Career Guidance and Counseling Programs?

(a) A State shall use not less than twenty percent of its allotment under the Career Guidance and Counseling Program for projects, services, and activities designed to eliminate sex, age, and race bias and stereotyping under § 403.160(b)(2) to ensure that projects, services, and activities under this program are accessible to all segments of the population, including women, disadvantaged individuals, individuals with disabilities, individuals with limited English proficiency, and minorities.

(b)(1) The State board shall ensure that the experience and information gained through carrying out projects, services, and activities under this program are shared with program administrators for the purpose of program planning.

(2) The State board shall use funds from its allotment under this program to provide State leadership that is qualified by experience and knowledge in guidance and counseling.

(3) For purposes of Comprehensive Career Guidance and Counseling Programs, State leadership includes, but is not limited to curriculum development, personnel development, re-

search, dissemination activities, and technical assistance; and

(c) A State may use, in addition to funds reserved under § 403.180(b)(4), not more than six percent of its allotment under this program for State administration of projects, services, and activities under this program.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 2382(c), 2383)

BUSINESS-LABOR-EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP FOR TRAINING PROGRAM

§ 403.170 What activities does the Secretary support under the Business-Labor-Education Partnership for Training Program?

The State board shall, in accordance with the State plan, from its allotment for this program, support the establishment and operation of projects, services, and activities, that—

(a) Provide incentives for the coordination of the Business-Labor-Education Partnership for Training Program with related efforts under the—

(1) National Tech-Prep Education Program in 34 CFR part 405;

(2) State-Administered Tech-Prep Education Program in 34 CFR part 406; and

(3) JTPA; and

(b) May only include, in addition to the activities described in § 403.32(a)(27) through (30),—

(1) Training and retraining of instructional and guidance personnel;

(2) Curriculum development and the development or acquisition of instructional and guidance equipment and materials;

(3) Acquisition and operation of communications and telecommunications equipment and other high technology equipment for programs authorized by this part;

(4) Other activities authorized by title III of the Act as may be essential to the successful establishment and operation of projects, services, and activities under the Business-Labor-Education Partnership for Training Program, including activities and related services to ensure access of women, minorities, individuals with disabilities, and economically disadvantaged individuals; and

(5) Providing vocational education to individuals in order to assist their

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entry into, or advancement in, high-technology occupations or to meet the technological need of other industries or businesses.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 2392(b) and 2393 (a), (d)(1))

§ 403.171 Who is eligible to apply to a State board for an award?

(a) The State board awards subgrants or contracts to partnerships between—

(1) An area vocational education school, a State agency, a local educational agency, a secondary school funded by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, an institution of higher education, a State corrections educational agency, or an adult learning center; and

(2) Business, industry, labor organizations, or apprenticeship programs.

(b) A partnership receiving an award from a State board must include as partners at least one entity from paragraph (a)(1) of this section and at least one entity from paragraph (a)(2) of this section, and may include more than one entity from each group.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 2392(a)(1))

§ 403.172 What special considerations must the State board give in approving projects, services, and activities?

The State board, in approving projects, services, and activities assisted under the Business-Labor-Education Partnership Training Program, shall give special consideration to the following:

(a) The level and degree of business and industry participation in the development and operation of the program.

(b) The current and projected demand within the State or relevant labor market area for workers with the level and type of skills the program is designed to produce.

(c) The overall quality of the proposal, with particular emphasis on the probability of successful completion of the program by prospective trainees and the capability of the eligible recipient, with assistance from participating business or industry, to provide high quality training for skilled workers and technicians in high technology.

(d) The commitment to serve, as demonstrated by special efforts to provide outreach, information, and coun-

seling, and by the provision of remedial instruction and other assistance, all segments of the population, including women, minorities, individuals with disabilities, and economically disadvantaged individuals.

(e) Projects, services, and activities to provide vocational education for individuals who have attained 55 years of age in order to assist their entry into, or advancement in, high-technology occupations or to meet the technological needs of other industries or businesses.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 2393-(b) and (d)(2))

§ 403.173 What expenses are allowable?

The State board shall use funds awarded under the Business-Labor-Education Partnership for Training Program only for—

(a) Expenses incurred in carrying out the programs, services, and activities described in § 403.170, including, for example, expenses for—

(1) The introduction of new vocational education programs, particularly in economically depressed urban and rural areas;

(2) The introduction or improvement of basic skills instruction, including English-as-a-second-language instruction, in order for an individual to be eligible for employment, to continue employment, or to be eligible for career advancement;

(3) Costs associated with coordination between vocational education programs, business, and industry, including advisory council meetings and newsletters; and

(4) Transportation and child-care services for students necessary to ensure access of women, minorities, individuals with disabilities, and economically disadvantaged individuals to projects, services, and activities authorized by the Business-Labor-Education Partnership for Training Program; and

(b)(1) Subject to paragraph (b)(2) of this section, expenditures for necessary and reasonable administrative costs of the State board and of eligible partners.

(2) Total expenditures for administrative costs of the State board and of eligible partners may not exceed 10 percent of the State's allotment for this