

## H-1B Technical Skills Training Grant

At the July in person meeting we discussed the H-1B grant that Colorado received. We wanted to follow up with some specific asks of you as Council members and alert you that you will receive a marketing piece in follow up to the Oct in person meeting.

*Background:* In October 2011, Colorado was awarded a 4-year, \$5,000,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Labor to provide education, training and job placement assistance to highly-skilled incumbent workers and long-term unemployed workers in the occupations and industries for which employers are using H-1B visas to hire foreign workers. Colorado's grant targets occupations in the following industry sectors:

- Advanced Manufacturing
- Information Technology
- Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM), with focus on Aerospace

*What you as a business leader can do:*

- Ensure that your hiring process is receptive to considering, interviewing and hiring the long-term unemployed.
- If you are one of the targeted industries, and you have workforce needs, communicate your needs to your regional workforce center. You may be able to connect with individuals who have recently or will soon complete their training program.
- Better yet, if you are part of a sector partnership in a targeted industry, identify common skill needs and communicate that to your workforce center.
- Do you know of individuals that are working part-time (less than 35 hours per week) including contract workers, temporary workers, apprentice or internship workers that with additional training would be considered for full-time employment?

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