

PA Department of Labor & Industry AGA Grant

Grant Overview: The Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry is requesting proposals focused on delivering training opportunities for veterans, dislocated workers, and youth. Proposals might include apprenticeship programs, on-the-job training, advanced skills training for the currently employed, basic skills training, or customized training. The WCSD administration has had preliminary discussions with the Warren-Forest Higher Education Council regarding a collaborative effort to provide training in the area of oil and gas exploration. The oil and gas industry is of local significance, and needs trained individuals to accommodate projected growth in the field.

WCCC and the Hi-Ed Council would develop programming and acquire equipment to provide training in this field for both Career Center students and adults. The Career Center programming would be designed to reside within two existing program areas.

Amount of Award: Between \$50,000 - \$200,000.

Due Date/Notification of Award: Applications are due on March 19, 2010. Notification of award should be within two months of submission.

Alternatives if not Awarded: If the application is not funded, the district will postpone the project and continue to look for alternate funding for the proposal.

WCSD Resources Required: A minimum of a 25% match is required; a 50% match is recommended to strengthen the application.

Administrative Recommendation: The Board of School Directors instructs the administration to collaborate with the Warren-Forest Higher Education Council to develop an application to the PA Department of Labor & Industry AGA Grant. The purpose of the proposal will be the creation of programming and purchase of equipment necessary to deliver training to both adults and Warren County Career Center students in the oil and gas industry.