

§ 2503. Technical assistance**(a) In general**

With funds appropriated to carry out this section, the Secretary shall make grants to community-based organizations to provide technical assistance to employers and labor unions selected under subsection (b) of this section. Such technical assistance may include—

- (1) developing outreach and orientation sessions to recruit women into the employers' apprenticeable occupations and nontraditional occupations;
- (2) developing preapprenticeable occupations or nontraditional skills training to prepare women for apprenticeable occupations or nontraditional occupations;
- (3) providing ongoing orientations for employers, unions, and workers on creating a successful environment for women in apprenticeable occupations or nontraditional occupations;
- (4) setting up support groups and facilitating networks for women in nontraditional occupations on or off the job site to improve their retention;
- (5) setting up a local computerized data base referral system to maintain a current list of tradeswomen who are available for work;
- (6) serving as a liaison between tradeswomen and employers and tradeswomen and labor unions to address workplace issues related to gender; and
- (7) conducting exit interviews with tradeswomen to evaluate their on-the-job experience and to assess the effectiveness of the program.

(b) Selection of employer and labor unions

The Secretary shall select a total of 50 employers or labor unions to receive technical assistance provided with grants made under subsection (a) of this section.

(Pub. L. 102-530, § 4, Oct. 27, 1992, 106 Stat. 3466.)

§ 2504. Competitive grants**(a) In general**

Each community-based organization that desires to receive a grant to provide technical assistance under section 2503(a) of this title to employers and labor unions shall submit an application to the Secretary at such time, in such manner, and accompanied by such information as the Secretary may reasonably require.

(b) Priority

In awarding grants under section 2503(a) of this title, the Secretary shall give priority to applications from community-based organizations that—

- (1) demonstrate experience preparing women to gain employment in apprenticeable occupations or other nontraditional occupations;
- (2) demonstrate experience working with the business community to prepare them to place women in apprenticeable occupations or other nontraditional occupations;
- (3) have tradeswomen or women in nontraditional occupations as active members of the organization, as either employed staff or board members; and
- (4) have experience delivering technical assistance.

(Pub. L. 102-530, § 5, Oct. 27, 1992, 106 Stat. 3467.)

§ 2505. Applications

To be eligible to be selected under section 2503(b) of this title to receive technical assistance provided with grants made under section 2503(a) of this title, an employer or labor union shall submit an application to the Secretary at such time, in such manner and containing or accompanied by such information as the Secretary may reasonably require. At a minimum, the application should include—

- (1) a description of the need for technical assistance;
- (2) a description of the types of apprenticeable occupations or nontraditional occupations in which the employer or labor union would like to train or employ women;
- (3) assurances that there are or will be suitable and appropriate positions available in the apprenticeable occupations program or in the nontraditional occupations being targeted; and
- (4) commitments that reasonable efforts shall be made to place qualified women in apprenticeable occupations or nontraditional occupations.

(Pub. L. 102-530, § 6, Oct. 27, 1992, 106 Stat. 3467.)

§ 2506. Liaison role of Department of Labor

The Department of Labor shall serve as a liaison among employers, labor unions, and community-based organizations. The liaison role may include—

- (1) coordination of employers, labor unions, and community-based organizations with respect to technical assistance provided under section 2503(a) of this title;
- (2) conducting regular assessment meetings with representatives of employers, labor unions, and community-based organizations with respect to such technical assistance; and
- (3) seeking the input of employers and labor unions with respect to strategies and recommendations for improving such technical assistance.

(Pub. L. 102-530, § 7, Oct. 27, 1992, 106 Stat. 3467.)

§ 2507. Study of barriers to participation of women in apprenticeable occupations and nontraditional occupations**(a) Study**

With funds available to the Secretary to carry out the operations of the Department of Labor in fiscal years 1994 and 1995, the Secretary shall conduct a study of the participation of women in apprenticeable occupations and nontraditional occupations. The study shall examine—

- (1) the barriers to participation of women in apprenticeable occupations and nontraditional occupations;
- (2) strategies for overcoming such barriers;
- (3) the retention rates for women in apprenticeable occupations and nontraditional occupations;
- (4) strategies for retaining women in apprenticeable occupations and nontraditional occupations;
- (5) the effectiveness of the technical assistance provided by the community-based organizations; and