

Executive Summary

Workforce Opportunities for Rural Communities Round 2: Potential Applicant Webinar

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The WORC Initiative enables impacted communities to propose projects that demonstrate the alignment of regionally driven, comprehensive approaches to addressing economic distress and the necessary workforce development activities to ensure a workforce capable of succeeding in current and future job opportunities. This webinar was designed to discuss the recently-released Funding Opportunity Announcement, which announced the availability of up to \$29.2 million, with prospective applicants.

This webinar discussed a number of topics important to prospective applicants. **Robert Kight of the Office of Workforce Investment** discussed the objectives of the webinar as well as the goal and objectives of the WORC Initiative itself, and later covered some of the performance reporting requirements included in the FOA.

Emela Halilovic of the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) and Aury Kangelos of the Delta Regional Authority (DRA) provided overviews of their respective organizations and walked participants through a number of the priorities and allowable activities of the WORC grants.

Lynn Fraga, the grant officer for the WORC Initiative, discussed in more detail the grant application process, including the two optional approaches to application development allowed under the FOA. The webinar concluded with a Q + A period.

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