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TO: QUEST Partners

FROM: Maricar Pilotin-Freitas, Administrator
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SUBJECT: QUEST Bulletin System

PURPOSE

The purpose of this bulletin is to establish a system of conveying State policies and procedures for the administration and delivery of services under the federal Quality Jobs, Equity, Strategy, and Training (QUEST) Disaster Recovery National Dislocated Worker Grant (DWG).

BACKGROUND

The U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL) awarded a QUEST DWG of \$10,595,171 to the State Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR) for the period September 26, 2022 to September 30, 2024. The purpose of the grant is to assist those who were adversely affected by COVID-19 and by social and economic inequalities that the pandemic exacerbated to enter, return to, or advance in high quality jobs in growth industries.

Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL) No. 2-22, issued by USDOL, set forth the grant requirements and solicited applications from eligible entities nationwide. The State DLIR developed its application in consultation with the private sector and other partners and was awarded the grant.

State policy and procedures will be developed and issued as necessary to ensure full compliance with the grant terms and conditions and federal, State, and local requirements.

POLICY

All recipients, subrecipients, and providers of services under the State of Hawaii's QUEST grant shall comply with all QUEST Bulletins and all applicable federal, State, and local laws, regulations, and policies. These entities also are responsible to ensure that their staff are familiar with and understand the policies and procedures contained in the bulletins and all other requirements.

Each bulletin will be coded with two separate number series. One number series will refer to the numerical sequence of the bulletin, irrespective of the date of its issuance. The other number series will refer to the numerical sequence of the bulletin within the calendar year of issuance. For example, in this bulletin (SN 1) refers to the numerical sequence of the bulletin, i.e., the first bulletin issued, and 01-23 refers to the numerical sequence within the year, i.e., the first bulletin issued in calendar year 2023.

Each organization that receives the bulletins are responsible to have them readily accessible to their staff along with other requirements for reference.

INQUIRIES

Inquiries regarding this bulletin may be directed to Ms. Carol Kanayama by email at Carol.H.Kanayama@hawaii.gov

REFERENCES

- TEGL No. 2-22, QUEST Disaster Recovery National DWG
- TEGL No. 16-21, Updated National Dislocated Worker Grant Program Guidance
- TEGL No. 19-16, Guidance on Services provided through the Adult and Dislocated Worker Programs under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) and the Wagner-Peyser Act Employment Service, as amended by Title III of WIOA, and for Implementation of the WIOA Final Rules