

TAP Accelerator: Upskill-Backfill Demonstration Project RFP Q & A Meeting DRAFT-DRAFT-DRAFT

Thursday January 12, 2017

From 10:00 to Noon

Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/364425309>

Join the conference call:

Call-in number: 1-866-339-6644

Meeting Room: *9563025*

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Webpage Information: <http://wtb.wa.gov/TAPAccelerator.asp>

What we will cover today

1. Governor Inslee's TAP Accelerator: Upskill-Backfill Grant Program
2. Key Themes Emphasized for Successful Applications –Meeting & Exceeding
3. Basics of RFP Process – Timelines & Minimum Requirements
4. **Question and Answer Time**

Governor Jay Inslee's TAP Accelerator: Upskill-Backfill Grant Program

"This is a big win for Washington workers, our business community, and our entire workforce system. These grants ensure TAP's principles are put into practice right away, move more Washington workers up the career ladder, and provide new openings for frontline workers, especially those with employment barriers,"-Gov. Inslee statement

TAP Accelerator Funding Categories

TAP Accelerator Committee recommends fund distribution strategy for:

- 1. Upskill-Backfill Demonstration Project Grants (\$2,000,000)**
2. Support for 6 TAP Implementation Committees (\$360,000)
3. Upskill-Backfill Initiative (UBI) Planning Grants for WDCs (\$300,000)

Upskill-Backfill Demonstration Projects

- **Competitive Bid Process:**

- Upskill-Backfill (RFP) was developed by the TAP Accelerator Committee in coordination with all 6 TAP Implementation Committees and scoring rubric for evaluating proposals.
- TAP Accelerator Committee will convene a panel of objective reviewers to identify potential grant awardees to recommend to Board. **Workforce Board makes final grant award decisions.**
- Expect to have recommendations for March 2017 Board meeting. **Funding duration expected to begin April 2017, with a project end date of December 31, 2018.**

Funding & Linkages Supporting TAP

An Exciting Opportunity!

- Gov. Inslee is asking the Board to **establish institutionalized and sustainable** Upskill-Backfill approach to service delivery.
- Grant funds will help the system test **new ways of working with existing funds** to help achieve goal.
- We may also **identify policy and other barriers** that prevent the system from achieving Upskill-Backfill success.
- TAP Accelerator Committee will **track the progress of all funded activities and provide regular, at least quarterly updates to the Board**. Core component will be identifying potential policy reform for the Board's consideration.

Key Themes Emphasized for Successful Applications -Meeting & Exceeding

1. Testing new approaches to service design that unites employers, existing workers & jobseekers with the workforce system & is valued by all three.
2. Meaningful Results that inform Program Design and Support Washington's Workforce System
3. Working with diverse partners to test innovative upskill-backfill concepts
4. Sustainability of project if it is successful
5. Focus on populations with barriers

Important Timelines

- Deadline for Applications February 28th – Contact Patrick.Woods@wtb.wa.gov
- Review & Scoring Process: Starts March 1st with Scoring Meetings **March 7-9** & target date for completion March 15th
- Decision & Announcement Date: Special WTB Board Meeting on **March 20–22?** with announcement on March 31st.
- Funds distribution Date? When Contracts Signed

Brief Walk-Through RFP

RFP Guide document



Questions and Answers

Webpage for Ongoing Updates

<http://wtb.wa.gov/TAPAccelerator.asp>

Next Steps

1. Follow-Up Question and Answer Session first week in February (check webpage)
2. Continue to receive applications through 2/28
3. Review and Scoring in early March
4. Presentation of Project to Workforce Board in week of March
5. Decisions and Announcements by March 31
6. Ongoing Support to Promote Your Success....building a safe & productive **Learning Community**
7. Please feel free to give us your feedback

Workforce Board's TAP Accelerator Committee

TAP Accelerator Committee

Co-Chairs: Eleni Papadakis, Director of State Workforce Board & John Aultman, Governor's Office

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- Association of Washington Business
- Aerospace Joint Apprenticeship Council
- Commerce
- Council of Presidents
- Community Based Organizations
- DSHS (ESA, DVR, OIRA)
- Department of Services for the Blind
- Employment Security Department
- L&I Apprenticeship
- SBCTC (BEEdA, Prof Tech)
- Washington State Labor Council
- Workforce Board members and staff
- WA Student Achievement Council
- WWA/WDCs