

Grant Summary

Grant Program	Job-Driven (JD) National Emergency Grant (NEG)
Grantee Name	Puerto Rico Department of Labor and Human Resources
Grantee City and State	Hato Rey, Puerto Rico
Grant Award Amount	\$6,175,000
Location of Grant Activities	Island-wide
Project Description	<p>Puerto Rico's JD NEG implementation focuses on training targeted participants for in-demand jobs. The Commonwealth will rely on its experience with on-the-job training and customized training to facilitate the reemployment of JD NEG participants by using existing employer partnerships, and by developing new collaborations as well. Puerto Rico also plans on using a portion of this JD NEG funding to develop a Strategic Workforce Information Management System consisting of a comprehensive Labor Market Information (LMI) database, a new integrated matchmaking platform for job opportunities, and a platform which offers on-line bilingual coaching and training for residents and stateside individuals interested in relocating to the Commonwealth. Puerto Rico plans to leverage the resources of its partners, including the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) programs, Unemployment Insurance, Wagner-Peyser Employment Services, and veterans' programs, in order to provide the full complement of reemployment services to the JD NEG participants.</p>
Key Industries	Aerospace; Biotechnology; Communications; Manufacturing; and Textile
Populations to be Served	Dislocated workers, with a particular emphasis on the long-term unemployed and recipients of Unemployment Insurance who have been profiled as likely to exhaust their benefits
Partners	Puerto Rico Industrial Development Company; local workforce investment boards; chambers of commerce; industry associations; economic development associations; business consortiums; universities/community colleges; and employers in high growth industries
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