Small Layoff Independent Grantee Request for Proposal (RFP)
Questions and Answers
(Updated 1/7/20)

1. Q: Who’s eligible to apply for this grant?
   A: Under Minnesota Statue 116L.17, an “eligible organization” is a local government unit, a non-profit organization, community action agency, accredited institution of higher education, non-profit business organization or association, or a labor organization. Organizations applying must meet the specifications outlined in the RFP.

2. Q: What does it mean to be certified by the Minnesota Job Skills Partnership (MJSP) Board?
   A: The MJSP Board has broad authority over the DW program budget, which is derived for the Workforce Development Fund (WFD) via a statutory formula. The MJSP Board’s approval of applicant qualifies as certification to provide dislocated worker services.

3. Q: Can you confirm this is for providers who are not currently SLIG provider?
   A: Correct. This is for providers who are not currently SLIG providers. Existing providers do not need to do anything for this.

4. Q: Is this RFP for current DW providers looking to increase their capacity?
   A: No. This is for new organizations to help fill one vacant spot. Existing providers do not need to do anything. Only one grant will be awarded.

5. Q: Since my Workforce Development Area (WDA) organization already provides state, federal, and project level dislocated worker services and programs, would we need to apply for the Dislocated Worker Small Layoff Independent Grantee RFP if we are interested in continuing to provide small layoff dislocated worker services and programs, or will we continue to be on the provider list?
   A: WDAs do not need to apply for this grant as they already provide small layoff DW services and receive Formula funds for this work.

6. Q: Which organizations are currently certified Small Layoff Independent Grantees (SLIGs)?
   A: There are currently 7 certified Dislocated Worker SLIGs. They are: Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency (AEOA), Avivo (formerly RESOURCE, Inc.), CLUES (Comunidades Latinas Unidas en Servicio), Goodwill/Easter Seals, HIRED, Jewish Family & Children’s Service of Minnesota, and Minnesota Teamsters Service Bureau (MTSB).