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Idaho Receives \$6 million for Building Worker Skills, Meeting Workforce Needs of Business

The state of Idaho will receive \$6,019,450 from the U.S. Department of Labor to broaden partnerships with Idaho employers and improve in-demand skill levels of workers across the state.

"This news couldn't come at a better time," said Idaho Department of Labor Director Ken Edmunds.

The additional grant funds, announced today, will be used to develop internships and apprenticeships with industry focused approaches that align job-training programs to meet the needs of a local or regional labor market.

Idaho is one of 27 states and the Cherokee tribal nation to share in \$138 million in federal grants under the program. Each state is encouraged to engage in greater regional collaborations between employers, educational institutions and the local workforce system.

States are expected to connect workers who lost jobs through no fault of their own and individuals struggling with long-term unemployment to a broad range of services including career planning, job coaching and job search assistance.

"These funds will allow us to build on our current industry sector grant program and help employees gain the skills necessary for meeting the needs of Idaho businesses," Edmunds said.

According to Edmunds, in 2013 the Idaho Department of Labor awarded \$1.8 million in industry sector grants to Boise State University, North Idaho College and Idaho State University. In 2014, \$900,000 was awarded to the University of Idaho, the College of Western Idaho and North Idaho College in a second round of grants.

"Today's news is a perfect complement to our current program," Edmunds said.

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Editors / News Directors: A list of the states receiving grants from the U.S. Department of Labor is attached. To learn more about Idaho's current Industry Sector Grant Program visit any of the following links:

- [Boise State, North Idaho College, Idaho State Receive Worker Training Funds](#)
- [Idaho@Work Profile: Idaho Forest Group: Using Workforce Training Funds to Help Employees Grow](#)

- [University of Idaho, College of Western Idaho, North Idaho College Receive Worker Training Grants](#)

State	Total Award	State	Total Award
Alaska	\$2,999,963	Massachusetts	\$3,277,190
Arkansas	\$6,362,485	Michigan	\$7,000,000
California	\$7,000,000	Minnesota	\$5,750,000
Cherokee Nation	\$6,538,730	New Hampshire	\$2,321,665
Colorado	\$5,000,000	New York	\$7,000,000
Connecticut	\$3,889,995	North Carolina	\$5,250,000
Florida	\$6,998,765	Ohio	\$7,000,000
Georgia	\$1,969,570	Oregon	\$6,764,526
Idaho	\$6,019,450	Pennsylvania	\$5,250,000
Illinois	\$4,000,000	Rhode Island	\$5,250,000
Indiana	\$4,875,000	Texas	\$3,114,426
Iowa	\$5,250,000	Vermont	\$2,295,011
Louisiana	\$1,000,000	Washington	\$6,930,000
Maine	\$3,663,177	West Virginia	\$5,250,000
Total			\$138,019,953

