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Department of Labor announces \$1.5 M grant for support of Indiana military base closings

Indiana Department of Workforce Development receives grant for administration of assistance to areas affected by base closings

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. – The Indiana Department of Workforce Development (IDWD) announced today that it will receive a \$1.5 million grant from the U.S. Department of Labor to administer assistance to areas affected by military base realignment.

The grant funds awarded are part of the U.S. DOL National Emergency Grant (NEG) planning funds. The grant is designed to help states and local areas address dislocations from military base closures and realignments recently announced by the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC 2005) Commission. IDWD applied for and received the grant funds on behalf of the state.

“While Indiana has a net gain of jobs through the reorganization of military bases, we cannot overlook the roughly 1,600 Hoosiers who will be displaced through these base closures and consolidations,” said Ron Stiver, Commissioner for IDWD. “Our agency, with the help of this grant, is well suited to offer critical transition assistance. We are committed to helping these Hoosiers find new jobs by providing the training and resources needed to advance in our workforce.”

The grant will be administered by IDWD in partnership with the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC). Planning and implementation of the grant will be conducted via a strategy team consisting of state, regional and local stakeholders. The local Workforce Investment Boards serving the impacted counties of Miami, Marion, Vanderburgh, Vermillion, Tippecanoe, Vigo, and Martin will lead regional implementation efforts.

“This grant is vitally important to the individuals and communities impacted by the base realignment,” said Governor Mitch Daniels. “The training we are now able to provide through this grant is critical in helping these Hoosiers find new jobs.”

IDWD anticipates workers displaced due to realignment will utilize services available in WorkOne offices. These may include outreach and recruitment, skill assessments, resource and referral information, career consulting, workshops, occupational and skill training, job placement and development, and support services.

The Indiana Department of Workforce Development is charged with improving the Hoosier workforce by assisting companies to create new jobs and improve employee skills. The agency offers a variety of training and educational grants, partners with Indiana’s 27 WorkOne Centers, administers the unemployment insurance system, provides labor market information, assists employers with preparing workers for layoffs and closures and operates the a statewide job placement service. For more information on DWD and its programs, call 888-465-4616 or visit the web site at www.workforce.IN.gov.