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PURPOSE: To notify Office of Apprenticeship Training, Employer and Labor Services (OATELS) staff of the U.S. Department of Labor's (DOL), Employment and Training Administration's (ETA) announcement of the competitive grants to be awarded under the Youth Development Practitioner Apprenticeship initiative.

The U.S. Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration published the Notice of Availability of Funds for Solicitation for Grant Application for the Youth Development Practitioner Apprenticeship Implementation Grants in the Federal Register on April 4, 2001. This initiative targets incumbent and prospective professional youth workers working directly with young people.

BACKGROUND: OATELS and Office of the Youth Services (OYS) coordinated efforts to gain recognition of the occupation of the Youth Development Practitioner. Please review OATELS Bulletin 2001-01 which announces the new apprenticeable occupation Youth Development Practitioner.

<u>ACTION:</u> OATELS staff should familiarize themselves with the Solicitation for Grant Application (SGA) for the Youth Development Practitioner Apprenticeship Implementation Grants. Please disseminate and publicize this information to all individuals and groups that may have an interest in the implementation of the Youth Development Practitioner Apprenticeship. The SGA can be accessed through the ETA website http://www.doleta.gov/.

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