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To: Employment First stakeholders

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Re: Employment First: New transformation grants available now

(Please forward to your local partners & stakeholders)

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DHS has awarded new grants to service provider agencies that currently provide facility-based employment or day services to help transform their organizational and program models to community-based, integrated employment services.

The following providers were selected to receive transformation assistance. The new awardees from the December 2016 Request for Applications (RFA) were:

- [Alternative Services of Oregon](#) (Portland metro)
- [Mentor Oregon](#) (Portland Metro and Southern Oregon)
- [Opportunity Connections](#) (Hood River)
- [Southern Oregon Aspire](#) (Jackson, Josephine counties)
- [Sunrise Enterprises](#) (Douglas County)
- [Work Unlimited](#) (Salem and Corvallis area)

The next round of transformation grants applicants will need to review all materials found in the designation “DHS-4216-16,” titled “Request for Proposal (RFP) Request for Applications Service Provider Transformation Project” in the Oregon Procurement Information Network (ORPIN). **The next deadline for RFA 4216-16 is July 28, 2017 at 3 p.m.** Providers who may want to apply now before this deadline can access materials for RFA 4216 through the ORPIN website:

<http://orpin.oregon.gov>

Any questions on this RFA must contact Ronald Dickens, Procurement Specialist, at: 503-945-6949; RONALD.D.DICKENS@state.or.us.

Living Opportunities, Inc. of Medford and the Washington Initiative for Supported Employment (WISE) will provide training and technical assistance for at least 12 months to the selected providers.

~ Acacia