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**Northern Border Regional Commission Announces
Webinar Series focused on *Workforce Opportunity for
Rural Communities Grants***

Webinar series will include eligibility and application information for the Workforce Opportunity for Rural Communities program, available in the Northern Border region for the first time.

The Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC) is excited to announce a series of webinar information sessions hosted by both the U.S. Department of Labor (DoL), and the NBRC, in collaboration with its technical assistance provider, Chamberlin/Dunn. The webinars will provide program details in support of the [Workforce Opportunity for Rural Communities](#) (WORC) program, for which [program materials are now available online](#). The program supports initiatives directed at workforce development partnerships in support of local and regional workforces' employment and training needs, while also recognizing the need to expand access to supportive services.

The first session will be hosted by the DoL, on Friday, May 12, 2023, from 10:30AM – 12:00PM, via Zoom. Interested parties should register [via the DoL's WFGPS platform in advance](#). The webinar will be recorded and available online for those unable to make the 10:30AM event on the 12th.

Additionally, along with its technical assistance provider, Chamberlin/Dunn, the NBRC is hosting a technical assistance series for potential applicants in Maine, New Hampshire, New York and Vermont, to address specific components of the 2023 WORC funding opportunity. This series of webinars will be held the weeks of May 15 and May 22. See registration links for each webinar in the descriptions below.

WORC Round 5 Session 1: WORC FOA Requirement Basics. [REGISTER](#)

Tuesday, May 16, 12:00-1:00 ET

An overview of eligible applicants and allowable categories of funding as well as technical details, requirements, and instructions for how to apply for the 2023 Workforce Opportunity for Rural Communities (WORC) grant opportunity, FOA-ETA-23-07.

WORC Round 5 Session 2: Application Components & Statement of Need. [REGISTER](#)

Wednesday, May 17, 12:00-1:00 ET

Breaks down the application components of the 2023 Workforce Opportunity for Rural Communities (WORC) grant opportunity, FOA-ETA-23-07, including sections, subsections, and scoring. Places special emphasis on the Statement of Need, a critical component of the Project Narrative.

WORC Round 5 Session 3: Tips & Lessons for Project Designs from 4 Years of WORC. [REGISTER](#)

Friday, May 19, 12:00-1:00 ET

Provides applicants with “unofficial” considerations regarding project design and budgeting decisions that impact project success, drawn from observations and lessons learned during the first four years of WORC implementation.

WORC Round 5 Session 4: Project Results and Achieving the Purpose. [REGISTER](#)

Tuesday, May 23, 12:00-1:00 ET

Explains the requirement for applicants to define Project Results and connection to core principles as part of their Workforce Opportunity for Rural Communities (WORC) grant applications, including definitions, examples, and tips for aligning activities, results, and sustainability.

WORC Round 5 Session 5: Budget Forms and Funding Limits for Allowable Activities. [REGISTER](#)

Wednesday, May 24, 2:00-3:00 ET (**Note different start time.**)

Reviews the requirements of the SF424, SF424-A, and the Budget Narrative, including cost categories and funding limits for certain allowable activities, for Rural Communities (WORC) grant opportunity, FOA-ETA-23-07.

For additional details, and to access the NBRC’s prior and future releases on the WORC program, please utilize the special WORC link on the NBRC’s homepage, nbrc.gov.

About the Northern Border Regional Commission (www.nbrc.gov)

Created in 2008, the Northern Border Regional Commission is a federal-state partnership whose mission is to help alleviate economic distress and encourage private sector job creation in Maine, New Hampshire, New York, and Vermont. In its fifteen-year history, the Commission has awarded 331 grants, amounting to more than \$90.6 million in direct investment and \$296 million in additional leveraged investments, across the four states through its primary State Economic & Infrastructure Development (SEID) grant program and other special initiatives.

About Chamberlin/Dunn (<https://www.chamberlindunn.com/>)

NBRC is pleased to be working with Chamberlin/Dunn LLC (C/D) to deliver pre-application and post-award technical assistance to Workforce Opportunity for Rural Communities (WORC) applicants and grantees in the Northern Border Region. C/D brings extensive experience with Department of Labor grants, generally, and with the WORC initiative specifically, having served as the TA provider for WORC grantees in the Appalachian region since the program’s first round, in 2019. Based in Indiana, C/D works with nonprofit and public organizations throughout the U.S. to plan, evaluate, and improve programs that support community prosperity.