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AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to creating the mobile high-technology training facilities program

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The public authorities law is amended by adding a new section 3154-a to read as follows:

§ 3154-a. Mobile high-technology training facilities program. 1. The foundation is hereby authorized to create a mobile high-technology training facilities program. The purpose of the program is to award matching grants on a competitive basis to qualified applicants for the design, development and/or outfit of mobile high-technology training facilities that complement certificate, degree or other recognized credentialing programs.

2. "Qualified applicant" means any educational or not-for-profit institution providing certificate, degree or other credentialing programs in high-technology fields including, but not limited to, nanotechnology, biotechnology, advanced manufacturing processes and information technology or any other field defined as an emerging technology by paragraph (b) of subdivision one of section thirty-one hundred two-e of this article.

3. Applicants shall submit an application to the foundation comprising a plan including, but not limited to:

(a) demonstration that funds and/or other in-kind contributions are encumbered in an amount not less than twenty percent of requested grant amount;

(b) the design and implementation of a facility including the use of simulation-based education and training resources including the types of machinery, equipment and staffing level required;

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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(c) demonstration of a flexible program which would allow for diversified job training skills within a particular industry;

(d) evidence that a need for employees related to the industry associated with the applicant exists;

(e) development of a curriculum to deliver such mobile training facility to each regionally defined location in the state lacking similar training opportunities including the period of time required to adequately train an individual and the estimated number of participants utilizing such facility in a given year;

(f) demonstration of a collaborative and/or cooperative working relationship with private employers to ensure that facilities meet industry-specific job training requirements; and

(g) demonstration of an ability to maintain such mobile facility on an on-going basis, including but not limited to self-sustainability regarding staffing, operating, maintenance and adaptability.

4. The foundation shall establish any additional criteria to be used in the evaluation of applications.

5. The foundation shall submit a report to the governor and the legislature regarding the outcomes of the program including, but not limited to grant recipients, purpose of mobile training facility, locations visited, number of participants utilizing facility and actual employment obtained through the use of such facility.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.