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## CAREER-TECHNICAL AND ADULT EDUCATION

# FRIDAY FACTS

FROM DENISE L. POTTMEYER, STATE DIRECTOR  
ADULT BASIC AND LITERACY EDUCATION  
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### ABLE Bidders Conference Announced

The following notice was released to the public yesterday. Please share with other interested parties.

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

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### **Adult Basic and Literacy Education (ABLE)**

### **Competitive Grant Bidders Videoconference**

**Who:** Director of ABLE, Denise Pottmeyer and state staff; Current and prospective ABLE program providers, including local education agencies, public and private nonprofit agencies and community-based organizations.

**What:** To review the FY 2010 ABLE Competitive Grant Award Request for Proposals (RFPs) and to answer questions from proposing agencies and organizations. Two RFPs are scheduled to be released on Monday, February 2, 2009 (prior to the videoconference). The ABLE Instruction Grant and the English Language and Civics Education Grant will be distributed via email and posted at [www.uso.edu/network/workforce/rfps](http://www.uso.edu/network/workforce/rfps).

**When:** Friday, February 6, 2009 or Friday, February 13, 2009

Ø 9-11:30 a.m. for Allen through Lake counties

Ø 1-3:30 p.m. for Lawrence through Wyandot counties

**Where:** Register through your County Department of Job and Family Services (CDJFS) videoconference contact person (see attached roster) by following these steps:

1. Contact your CDJFS videoconference contact person ASAP to reserve their room and equipment for your time slot on either February 6 or February 13. Please determine if someone will be available to assist you with equipment and microphone needs.
2. Send Graig Pellman of the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) an e-mail at [Graig.Pellman@jfs.ohio.gov](mailto:Graig.Pellman@jfs.ohio.gov) with your name, phone number, name of organization, as well as the name, address, room and conference scheduler name at the county location.
3. Registration needs to be completed no later than Friday, January 30, 2009.

### **About the Ohio Adult Basic and Literacy Education (ABLE) program**

As part of the University System of Ohio, 116 ABLE programs currently serve adults who have less than a twelfth grade education or its functional equivalent and who are beyond the age of compulsory school attendance (age 18 in Ohio). Adult literacy services include basic skills, GED preparation/adult secondary education, English for Speakers of Other Languages, family literacy, workplace literacy, corrections education, distance education and instruction in life skills, employability skills and computer literacy. To view the map of current ABLE programs in Ohio, visit <http://www.uso.edu/network/workforce/index.php>.

### **State Budget Reduction Update – Good News!**

In the last edition of Friday Facts, we announced that a third round of state reductions became effective January 1, 2009. The Adult Literacy Education State Line Item 200-509 had been reduced by 0.17%.

The reductions, though slight, will **not** impact the ABLE Instructional Subsidy or the State Resource Center lines. We are very appreciative of this budget decision.

### **Reorganization of Academic Affairs and System Integration Division**

Reorganization of the Division of Academic Affairs and System Integration, under the leadership of Vice Chancellor Dr. Barbara Gellman-Danley has occurred. The State ABLE Program has been aligned with Adult Workforce Development under the leadership of Associate Vice Chancellor Terry Thomas. As Director of ABLE, Denise Pottmeyer will report to Terry, along with Tom Fellrath, Director of Ohio Skills Bank. Denise will also serve on Vice Chancellor Gellman-Danley's Cabinet that meets bi-weekly. The Academic Affairs and System Integration Team, which meets monthly with the Vice Chancellor, includes the entire ABLE staff.

Under this new structure, Sharon Brannon will serve as temporary support staff for ABLE. Sharon can be reached at the current ABLE number 614-466-5015 or at [sbrannon@regents.state.oh.us](mailto:sbrannon@regents.state.oh.us).

Organizational charts for the agency will be posted on the web at a later date when all division reorganization has been finalized.

### **The Write Future -Transitions to Postsecondary**

ABLE instructors have a unique opportunity to hear what nationally recognized experts have to say about the writing skills and strategies ABLE students need as they move forward in meeting their postsecondary and employment-related goals.

We hope you will encourage your staff to attend this March 13 statewide event to support their growth in this important area. For the event details, see the attached flyer.

### **Quote of the Week**

*“Jumping at several small opportunities may get us there more quickly than waiting for one big one to come along.”* – Hugh Allen