

# *Youth CareerConnect*

*High Skills - High Schools*

*Building America's Talent Pipeline*

A collaboration between  
the Department of Education and the  
Department of Labor

# Agency Collaboration

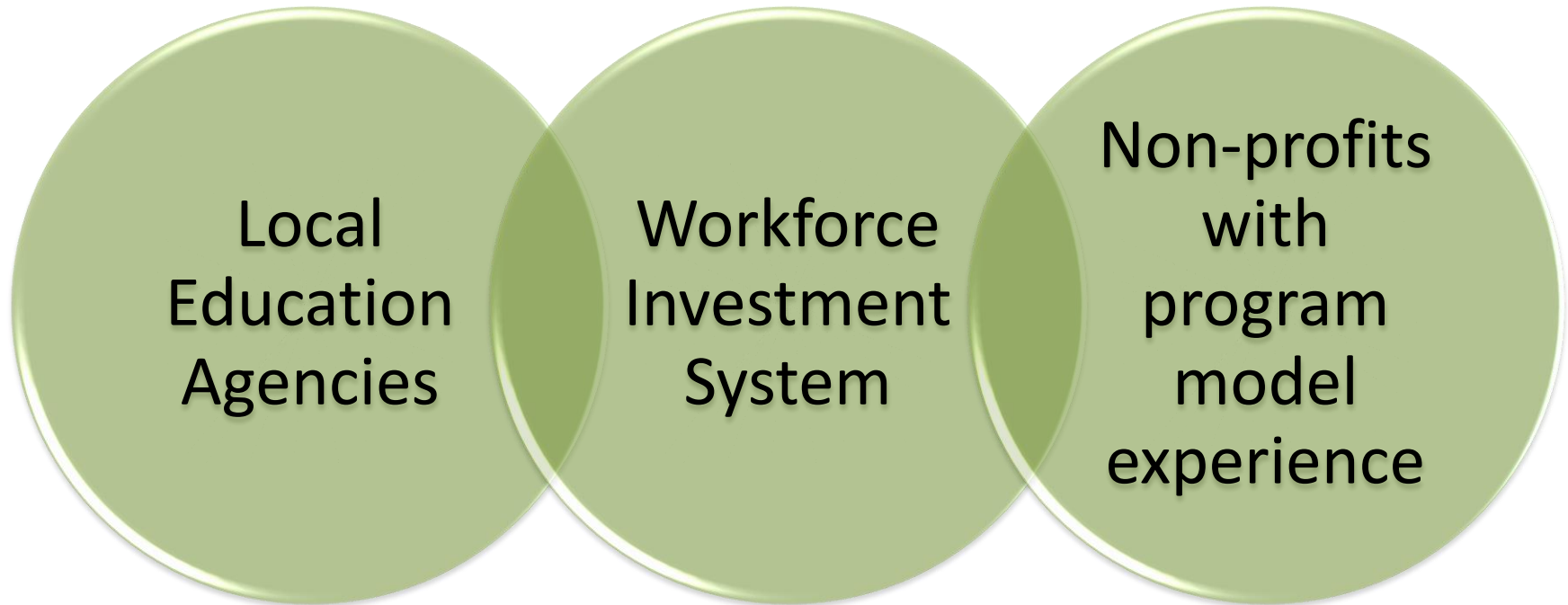
The **Department of Labor (DOL)** and the **Department of Education (ED)** leadership and staff have collaborated on a Solicitation in alignment with:

- President Obama's vision for High School Redesign;
- DOL & ED's goal to increase America's high school students' credential attainment; and
- DOL & ED's goal to develop programs that will improve the knowledge, skills, and abilities of high school students so they can better succeed in a competitive workforce.

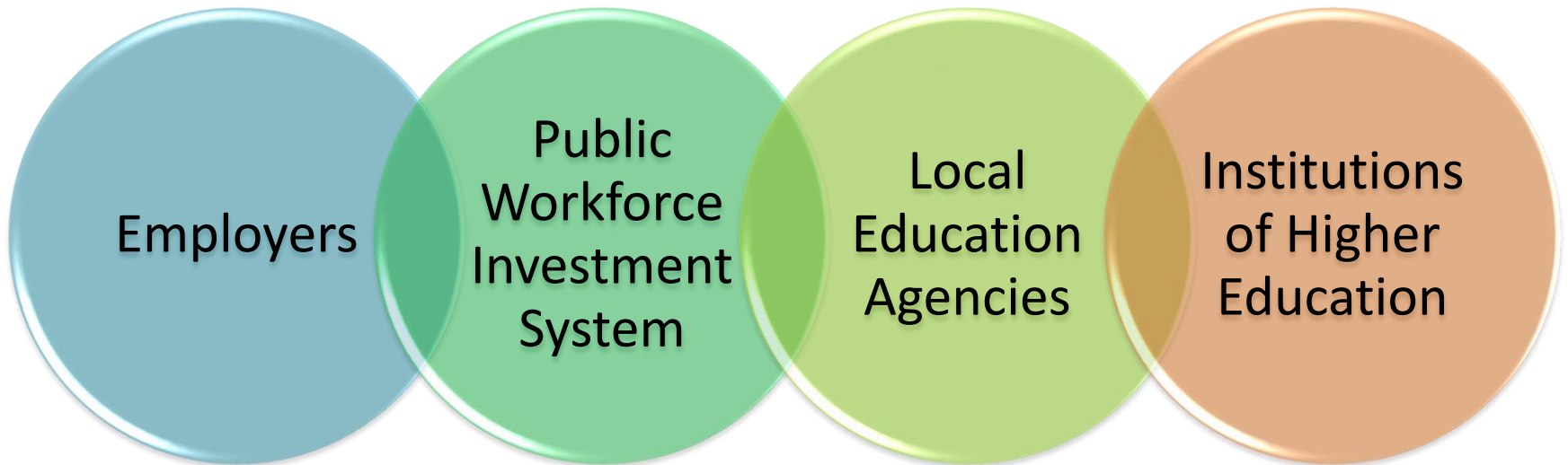
# *Youth CareerConnect* Goal

- \$100 million in DOL H-1B funding will serve high school students:
  - Provide education and training that combines academic and technical curricula that focuses on a specific in-demand industry or career;
  - Increase student employability at graduation; and
  - Prepare students for multiple career pathways that include placement into: employment, post-secondary education, long-term occupational skills training, or Registered Apprenticeship.

# Eligible Lead Applicants



# Required Partners



# Program Design

Applicants will propose programs that blend educational and workplace environments to develop work readiness and technical skills that lead to successful employment, entry into and successful completion of post-secondary education, or long-term occupational skills training, or Registered Apprenticeship.

## **Program models must:**

- Utilize a small learning community approach;
- Integrate academic and career technical curricula around one or more industry theme(s);
- Demonstrate strong partnerships with employers;
- Result in both a high school diploma and an industry-recognized credential for those industries where credential attainment is feasible by program completion;
- Ensure all students participate in post-secondary education and training that leads to credit towards a post-secondary degree or credit-bearing post-secondary certificate granted by an institution of higher education;
- Incorporate activities that will develop academic and social skills, competencies, and behaviors demanded by the high-growth H-1B industry(ies) and occupation(s) targeted through the SGA and stated in the applicant's statement of need;
- Incorporate activities that will address skills and competencies in demand in the regional economy; and
- Use program models that offer multiple career and educational pathways.



# Program Outcomes

- Upon program completion participants will:
  - Earn a high-school diploma
  - Earn an industry-recognized credential, where feasible in the selected industry focus
  - Earn credit towards a post-secondary degree or credit-bearing post-secondary certificate
  - Enter one of the following: unsubsidized employment, post-secondary education, long-term occupational skills training, or a Registered Apprenticeship