

Clearinghouse Rule 10-096

PROPOSED ORDER OF THE WISCONSIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM BOARD AMENDING RULE RELATED TO TRAINING PROGRAM GRANTS

The Wisconsin Technical College System Board proposes an order to amend TCS 17.06 relating to training program grants.

ANALYSIS PREPARED BY THE WISCONSIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM BOARD

1. **Statutes interpreted:** Wis. Stats. § 20.292(1)(eh) and § 38.41
2. **Statutory authority:** Wis. Stats. § 38.41
3. **Explanation of agency authority:** Section 38.41(4), Stats., authorizes the technical college system board to promulgate rules to implement and administer the awarding of grants to technical college district boards to provide skills training or other education related to the needs of business.
4. **Related statute or rule:** TCS 17.06
5. **Plain language analysis:** TCS 17 relates to training grants for technical college districts that provide skills training or other education related to the needs of business. A 25% match is required as a condition of the grant awards. The proposed amendment would eliminate the match requirement.
6. **Summary of, and comparison with, existing or proposed federal regulations:**
Not applicable
7. **Comparison with rules in adjacent states:** Not applicable
8. **Summary of factual data and analytical methodologies:** Not applicable
9. **Analysis and supporting documents used to determine effect on small business or in preparation of economic impact report:** Not applicable
10. **Effect on small business:** Positive effect -- without the 25% match requirement, small businesses may be better able to take advantage of the training or education funding opportunities provided by this grant. Small businesses may access training or education through the training program grants, but there is no mandated participation in the program.

11. **Agency contact person:** Morna Foy, Executive Assistant, Wisconsin Technical College System, 4622 University Avenue, P.O. Box 7874, Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7874, telephone (608) 266-2449, e-mail morna.foy@wtcsystem.edu.

12. **Place where comments are to be submitted and deadline for submission:** A public hearing will be held and is tentatively scheduled for September 28, 2010. Written comments should be submitted by 4:00 pm on September 28, 2010 to Morna Foy at the Wisconsin Technical College System, 4622 University Avenue, PO Box 7874, in Madison, WI 53707-7874 or by email to morna.foy@wtcssystem.edu with a subject line of TCS 17.

TEXT OF RULE

SECTION 1. Section TCS 17.06 is amended to read:

TCS 17.06 CONDITIONS OF THE GRANT AWARD. ~~(1) District boards or employers receiving skills training or education under the grant shall contribute matching funds, other than in-kind matching funds, equal to at least 25% of total approved project costs.~~

(2) Grant award funds, ~~including matching funds,~~ may not be used for administration, marketing or indirect costs.

(3) The board may establish limitations on the percentage of the grant award funds ~~and matching funds~~ that may be used to purchase or lease instructional materials, software, equipment or supply items and that may be used to fund staff development costs. Such limitations shall be specified in the grant guidelines approved by the board under TCS 17.03(2).

EFFECTIVE DATE

This rule shall take effect on the first day of the month following publication in the Wisconsin Administrative Register, as provided in s. 227.22 (2) (intro.), Stats.

FINAL REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY ANALYSIS

Not applicable.

FISCAL ESTIMATE

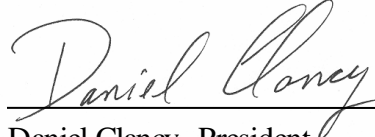
The functions required by these rules can be absorbed within existing staff. Therefore, there is no fiscal effect on the agency.

CONTACT PERSON

Questions concerning these rules may be directed to Morna Foy, Executive Assistant, Wisconsin Technical College System, 4622 University Avenue, P.O. Box 7874, Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7874; telephone (608) 266-2449; e-mail morna.foy@wtcssystem.edu.

Dated this 26th day of July, 2010.

Wisconsin Technical College System Board

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Daniel Clancy". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Daniel Clancy, President

Wisconsin Technical College System