

(iv) Identify or develop appropriate curricula; and

(v) Determine the most cost effective approach to meeting the employer's training needs.

(e) The Secretary may award grants for job specific training assistance to a qualified business, union sponsored training program, community college, private career school, trade association, or State-accredited training agency.

(f) All training must be approved by the employer of those being trained.

(g) Under the Partnership for Workforce Quality Program, job specific training may not exceed one year.

(h) (1) The Partnership for Workforce Quality Program may not contribute more than 50 percent of direct training costs for job specific training assistance.

(2) The Partnership for Workforce Quality Program may provide business assistance services under subsection (d)(2) of this section at no cost to the employer.

(i) (1) Partnership for Workforce Quality Program funds may be used for those costs associated with the direct delivery of instruction such as curriculum development, course materials, and instructor's salary and expenses for training.

(2) Program funds may not be used for the cost of capital equipment for an employer or the cost of trainee wages.

3-704.

The Secretary shall submit an annual report to the Governor, the Commission, and the Work Force Investment Board and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on the operation and performance of the Partnership for Workforce Quality.

Article - State Finance and Procurement

11-203.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, this Division II does not apply to:

(1) procurement by:

(v) the Maryland Industrial Training Program OR THE PARTNERSHIP FOR WORKFORCE QUALITY PROGRAM in the Department of Business and Economic Development, for training SERVICES OR programs for new or expanding businesses or industries OR BUSINESSES OR INDUSTRIES IN TRANSITION;

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1999.

Approved May 13, 1999.