

Article 83A – Department of Economic and Employment Development  
Section 3-503  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1991 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Chapter 292 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1989  
Section 3

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article 83A – Department of Economic and Employment Development**

3-503.

(a) The Secretary or the Secretary’s designee shall direct the Partnership for Workforce Quality Program.

(b) The Secretary shall provide training assistance under the Program only at the specific request of an employer or group of employers.

(c) (1) Except as provided in paragraphs (2), (3), [and] (4), AND (5) of this subsection, the Secretary shall establish eligibility criteria and priorities for assistance under the Partnership for Workforce Quality Program.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (1) of this subsection, an employer receiving assistance under the Program:

(i) Shall be a Maryland employer that operates under the provisions of Title 8 of the Labor and Employment Article AND HAS 500 OR FEWER FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES;

(ii) Shall request training assistance for job specific skills;

(iii) Shall request training assistance for Maryland-based employees who are covered under the provisions of Title 8 of the Labor and Employment Article; and

(iv) Shall request training assistance to upgrade or retrain existing employees.

(3) Not less than 60 percent of all funds available shall be reserved for Maryland employers with 100 or fewer Maryland-based employees.

(4) No single Maryland employer shall receive more than THE GREATER OF \$25,000 OR 5 percent of total funds available to the Program within a year.

(5) PRIORITY SHALL BE GIVEN TO MARYLAND EMPLOYERS WHO ARE:

(I) MANUFACTURERS; OR