

Article Continued: President Releases 2011 Proposed Budget— Includes Establishment of Workforce Innovation Fund

Under the proposal, National Leadership Activities receive an increase from \$11 to \$41 million to support the Administration's proposed **Workforce Innovation Fund**. The fund would be part of a Partnership for Workforce Innovation, which encompasses \$321 million of funding in the departments of Education and Labor. The departments will coordinate to award competitive grants encouraging innovation with the purpose of identifying and validating effective strategies to improve service delivery and outcomes for beneficiaries of programs authorized by *WIA*.

The Even Start program has been put into a block grant with several other literacy programs and it is not clear at this time what effect this action will have on the future of that program. The President's budget in the first step in the appropriation's process, both the US House and Senate will develop their own versions of the budget during the next 10 months.