

F: Abstract *(all applicants)*

Suggested Abstract Format

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2019 State Apprenticeship Expansion Grant	
Lead Applicant Organization's Name:	WA State Dept of Labor & Industries
Tier I Funding Amount: <i>State can receive a base amount of \$450,000; U.S. territories receive \$300,000.</i>	\$450,000

Tier I Baseline Goals:

1. *National Apprenticeship System Building.* States must spend base funding on developing structures that ensure all RAPs in the State have the features of high-quality apprenticeship described in 29 C.F.R. parts 29 and 30.
2. *System Alignment for Apprenticeship Expansion.* States must spend base funding to build statewide capacity to increase the number and quality of apprenticeships through stronger alignment with the education and workforce systems.
3. *Improving Data Sharing and Data Integrity.* States must spend base funding to improve data collection and sharing and data integrity.

Short Project Summary: *Include identifying targeted industry(ies) and/or occupation(s).*

The department is leading this effort to continue the good work we have started under previous grant awards and expand into new areas with some exciting partnerships. With this baseline funding, we will continue the work of RA navigation. We will place a navigator on the east side of the state, co-located at Spokane Community College to work with community and RA partners to encourage the development of more recognized preparatory programs with articulation agreements to Construction Trade, Food Processing and Manufacturing apprenticeships. In addition to the continued preparatory program system building, this navigator will assist individuals and businesses as they explore RA as a career and talent development opportunity.

Key to the success of apprenticeship preparation programs is their relationship with RA sponsors and the community that they serve. Good quality information regarding performance outcomes to date has not been available in the state. We intend to use this award to deploy a new database tracking system for Preparatory programs in the state. The State's Apprentice Registration & Tracking System (ARTS) will incorporate an Apprenticeship Preparation Program tracking system with secure access for programs formally recognized by the WSTAC through their policy 2012-03. We will use these resources to deploy statewide with training and education on the new system. We will also be working with public owners and other funders of Preparatory programs who will also have access to the system to track performance outcomes –

bang for the buck. This formal data tracking system, we believe, will be one of the first in the nation to formally track individuals from entry into a preparatory program all the way through the completion of an RA program. Through our ongoing partnership with the Employment Security Department, we will also be able to produce wage outcomes at any point in the student/apprentice's progress.