



Industry Intermediary

Wireless Infrastructure Association (WIA)

Industry

Telecommunications

Approved Occupations

Tower Technician, Wireless Technician, Tower Antenna & Line Lead, Tower Antenna & Line Foreman, Tower Construction Lead & Foreman, Maintenance and Condition Assessment Lead & Foreman, Fiber Optic Technician, Underground and Overhead Utility Installer Technician, Telecommunications Utility Foreman, Small Cell Technician, and Broadband Technician.

Target Registered Apprentice Populations

Veterans, Women, People of Color, and Justice-Involved.

Project Overview

With the deployment of the 5G network and large Federal and State investment into broadband expansion, WIA has a unique role as (1) an industry association representing employers, (2) the only Industry Intermediary for Registered Apprenticeship (RA) within the telecommunications industry, and (3) the national sponsor of the Telecommunications Industry Registered Apprenticeship Program (TIRAP). The program targets veteran-serving organizations, minority-serving institutions, community-based organizations, educational institutions, and other stakeholders to raise awareness of careers, expand partnerships, and increase candidates for RA. WIA also provides assistance and incentives to the industry meant to support the start-up, administration, and expansion of RA.

Types of Services or Technical Assistance (TA) Provided

- Help companies design, launch, and/or expand RA programs through TA and incentive funding
- Raise awareness of RA, conduct outreach, and support recruitment of target populations
- Hold national meetings, regional meetings, and accelerators to foster partnerships and programs

Key Partners

- State Technical College of Missouri
- Terra State Community College
- Monroe County Community College
- Somerset Community College
- Polytechnic University of Puerto Rico
- Northwood Technical College
- Power & Communication Contractors Association
- Fiber Broadband Association
- Warriors4Wireless
- Airstreams Renewables, Inc.
- American Council on Education (ACE)
- 80+ Additional Employers

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