

**Category 1: State Apprenticeship System Building and Modernization
Abstract**

Apprenticeship Building America (ABA) Grant Program	
Lead Applicant / Organization Name:	Texas Workforce Commission
Lead Applicant Entity Type:	State Agency
Lead Applicant City and State:	Austin, Texas
Select Grant Category:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Apprenticeship System Building and Modernization: up to \$4 million <input type="checkbox"/> Expansion of RAP Opportunities for Youth : up to \$5 million <input type="checkbox"/> Ensuring Equitable RAP Pathways Through Pre-apprenticeship Leading to RAP Enrollment and Equity Partnerships: up to \$3 million <input type="checkbox"/> Registered Apprenticeship Hubs: up to \$4 million for local, up to \$6 million for regional and up to \$8 million for national.	
If applying for the Set-Aside, please select the primary focus:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Equity partnerships and pre-apprenticeship activities, or <input type="checkbox"/> Equity partnerships only, or <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pre-apprenticeship activities only If applying for the set-aside, please ensure your Project Narrative clearly addresses guidelines described in Section II.A. Award Type and Amount.	
Project Title: Building and Modernizing Apprenticeships (BAMA)	
Funding Amount Requested: \$4,000,000	
Applicants Geographic Scope of Proposed Project: State-Wide (Texas)	
Number of apprentices enrolled in RAPs during the life of the grant: 900	
Population(s) to be served:	
All populations, including underrepresented populations (defined as youth, women, veterans, people of color, formerly incarcerated individuals, and persons with disabilities)	
Required Partners: <i>(for states with federally-recognized SAAs)</i>	
N/A; Texas is an OA state	

Optional Partners:

<i>Organization Names</i>	<i>Organization Type</i>
Texas Education Agency with Education Service Centers (20 Regions)	State Agency
Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (50 Community and 7 Technical Colleges)	State Agency
Local Workforce Development Boards (28 Boards)	Workforce Development System Entity
TWC Office of Apprenticeship TWC Vocational Rehabilitation Services TWC Adult Education and Literacy TWC Office of Employer Initiatives TWC Veterans Services TWC Agricultural Services TWC Employer Initiatives	Division of State Agency
Department of Labor – Office of Apprenticeship	Federal Government
Community and/or Technical Colleges 50 Community, 9 HBCUs, and 7 Technical Colleges	Institutions of Higher Education
Labor Organizations and Associations Registered Apprenticeship Programs	Training Providers
Industry Employers (Current)	Workforce/Training Providers
Educate Texas	Supportive Services
Potential Partners: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-Profit and Public Entities • Community Based Organizations • Intermediaries • New Industry Employers 	Training Providers
Potential Partners: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Texas Chambers of Commerce • Texas Economic Development Corporations • Texas Small Business Association 	Economic Development

Project Purpose:

Improve coordination efforts across a wide array of industry sectors with employers, labor organizations, educational institutions, industry groups and associations, joint labor-management partnerships, workforce and apprenticeship intermediaries, community-based organizations, and other non-profit and public sector partners to expand registered apprenticeship in Texas.

Subrecipient Activities:

Subrecipient activities will support coordinated RAP expansion and system-building efforts at a state level across a wide array of industry sectors with employers, labor organizations, educational institutions, industry groups, joint

labor-management partnerships, workforce and apprenticeship intermediaries, community-based organizations, and other non-profit and public sector partners. Further, activities will develop strategies to improve state coordination efforts around system alignment, data quality and use, program expansion into in-demand industries, and goals and strategies to ensure equity in RAPs, while also facilitating other data sharing, system change, and governance requirements to comply with the laws for a strong and modernized RAP system.

List of Credential(s) to be awarded:

Completion Certificates including industry credentials such as AWS, MSSC, NIMS, OSHA, HAZWOPER, CNA, CompTIA, NCCER, AutoCAD, CPR, CISCO, Microsoft Certified Solutions, and other medical and dental certifications. TWC reserves the right to modify the list of credentials as needed based on workforce needs.

SUMMARY OF PROGRAM ACTIVITIES:

The overall goals of this funding include 1) apprenticeship system expansion to support the development, modernization, and diversification of RAPs; 2) partnership alignment to support workforce system integration of services; 3) an increase in the number of apprentices enrolled in RAPs, including from underrepresented populations; and 4) development of and improvements to recruitment strategies to target expansion activities directed at new program areas, underrepresented populations, and individuals impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

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