

Apprenticeship Building America (ABA) Grant Program - FOA-ETA-22-06

Abstract

Lead Applicant Name: Washington State Employment Security Department (ESD)	
Lead Applicant Entity Type: Consortia	
Lead Applicant City and State: Olympia, Washington	
Grant Category: Category 4: Registered Apprenticeship Hubs	
Project Title: Washington State Apprenticeship Hubs	
Funding Amount Requested:	
Geographic Scope of Proposed Project: Statewide - Washington State	
Number of apprentices enrolled in RAPs during the life of the grant: 300	
Required Partners:	Optional Partners:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Washington State Board for Community and Technical Colleges - Post-Secondary Education Institutions ● Washington State Department of Labor and Industries - State Apprenticeship Agency (SAA) ● CleanTech Alliance - Industry Association ● SEIU Healthcare 1199NW Multi-Employer Training and Education Fund - Joint Labor/Management Sponsor ● AWB Institute - Non-profit organization ● AGC Education Foundation - Non-profit organization ● Computing for All - Non-profit organization ● NW Center for Excellence for Marine Manufacturing & Technology - Educational institution ● Career Connect Washington coalition (regional networks, program builders, statewide advisory team, career connected learning coordinators, employer and labor leadership groups) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board - State agency ● Washington State Department of Commerce - State agency ● Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction - State agency ● The Washington Student Achievement Council - State agency ● Washington State Office of Equity - State agency ● Washington State Labor Council - Labor organization ● The Washington Business Roundtable - Industry association ● The Association of Washington Businesses - Industry association ● Local workforce development boards
Project Purpose:	
<p>The Washington State Apprenticeship Hubs project proposes to utilize the recently established Career Connect Washington (CCW) sector hubs to create Sector Apprenticeship Hubs (SAHs) to expand registered apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeship programs in six high-demand sectors: clean energy, healthcare, advanced manufacturing and aerospace, technology and cybersecurity, maritime, and construction.</p>	

<p>Subrecipient Activities:</p> <p>As grant recipient, ESD will lead project activities and conduct administration and oversight of federal funds. ESD will issue an interagency agreement to the Workforce Training & Education Coordinating Board, the state workforce development board, to conduct an evaluation of grant activities.</p> <p>ESD will competitively procure qualified program intermediaries. Bidders will submit proposals for creating new or expanding existing RAPs and pre-apprenticeship programs. These contractors will lead and execute all aspects of program design in partnership with identified employer sponsors, educational institutions, and community-based organizations. Each contractor will seek approval of new or expanded RAPs by the Washington State Apprenticeship & Training Council.</p>
<p>List of Credentials(s) to be awarded:</p> <p>Pre-apprentices receive completion credentials from their program which are recognized by the partnering apprenticeship programs per the articulation agreements. Apprentices receive a state-issued Journey Completion Certificate for the occupation in question. Additional credentials may be awarded by approved programs based on the requirements of the occupation - for example programs in healthcare or technology and cybersecurity.</p>
<p>SUMMARY OF PROGRAM ACTIVITIES: (See Project Work Plan for more details on each activity.)</p>
<p>1. Build Sector Apprenticeship Hubs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Industry engagement and supportb. Engaging underrepresented populations and underserved communities
<p>2. Develop Sector Strategies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Data-informed decision makingb. Policy and system alignment
<p>3. Launch new and expand existing RAPs in high demand sectors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Secure new employer commitments to participate in programs within sector strategy including expanded conditional hiring commitments and signed memoranda of understandingb. Implement competitive procurement process for program intermediaries
<p>4. Grant Administration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Ensure compliance with U. S. Department of Labor standards and procedures including specific requirements of Apprenticeship Building America grant programb. Design and implement procurement process to qualified program intermediariesc. Track performance of project and progress of program intermediaries and report on these activities
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