## **ABSTRACT: Project NAVIGATE**

Lead Applicant / Organization Name: Wilderness Education Project

Lead applicant entity type: Non-Profit 501(c)(3)

Lead Applicant City and State: Nicholasville, KY

Select Grant Category:

\_State Apprenticeship System Building and Modernization: up to \$4 million

X Expansion of RAP Opportunities for Youth : up to \$5 million

Ensuring Equitable RAP Pathways Through Pre-apprenticeship Leading to RAP Enrollment and Equity Partnerships: up to \$3 million

\_\_\_\_\_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:

\_\_\_\_Equity partnerships and pre-apprenticeship activities, or

Equity partnerships only, or

\_\_\_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:** Project NAVIGATE

**Funding Amount Requested:** \$4,999,450.00

**Applicants Geographic Scope of Proposed Project:** In the state of Kentucky, Project NAVIGATE will work in the areas of Lancaster (Garrard County), Paintsville (Johnson County), Somerset (Pulaski County), Jamestown (Russell County) and Campton (Wolfe County)

Number of apprentices enrolled in RAPs during the life of the grant: 108

**Population(s) to be served:** Underserved Communities / Underrepresented Populations / High School and opportunity youth

**Required Partners**: (Organization name and entity type)

Amteck (RAP Sponsor / Employer) Mountain Enterprises (RAP Sponsor / Employer) Hamilton-Ryker (RAP Sponsor / Employer)

Garrard County Public Schools (K-12 District) Johnson County Public Schools (K-12 District / CTE) Pulaski County Public Schools (K-12 District / CTE) Russell County Public Schools (K-12 District / CTE) Wolfe County Public Schools (K-12 District)

Kentucky Education & Workforce Development Cabinet (State Apprenticeship Agency)

Lake Cumberland Area Development District (Local Workforce Development Board) Cumberland Valley Area Development District (Local Workforce Development Board) Big Sandy Area Development District (Local Workforce Development Board) Barren River Area Development District (Local Workforce Development Board)

**Optional Partners:** (Organization names and entity type)

Kentucky Technology Student Association (non-profit CTSO)

Performance Excellence Partners (DOL/ETA Technical Assistance)

Office of The Governor (State Support)

**Project Purpose:** The purpose of Project NAVIGATE is to enroll new participants (high school and opportunity youth) into approved Registered Apprenticeship Programs and expand new pre-apprenticeships that will lead to into new RAPs.

Subrecipient Activities: None

List of Credentials(s) to be awarded: Computer and Information Technology

Education Electrical Technology Nursing Para education Para medicine Practical Nursing

Radiography

Respiratory Care

## SUMMARY OF PROGRAM ACTIVITIES:

Project **NAVIGATE** is applying as a consortium of organizations that is led by the Wilderness Education Project (Non-Profit with 501(c)(3) status whose Director has first-hand experience in Education Innovation and Workforce Development) who is partnering with three (3) employer sponsors, five (5) school districts, the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet, four (4) Area Development Districts and a state-wide labor union to meet all eligibility requirements for our Category two (2) proposal. The Local\Regional geographic scope of the project will be carried out in the counties of Garrard, Johnson, Pulaski, Russell and Wolfe counties in Kentucky. The overall **scope** of **NAVIGATE** is to establish and increase partnerships that commit to expanding previously developed preapprenticeship program (RAP) enrollment for our "hard to serve" high school & opportunity youth. Project **NAVIGATE** aims to direct apprenticeships toward high-growth industries by working with our targeted schools to prepare students for in-demand fields, while providing them with the employability skills to meet the current workforce needs.

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