

ILLINOIS

Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity

ASE Grant Award	\$2,190,458.37
Target Industries	Business services, healthcare, leisure and hospitality, and construction
Target Occupations	None identified
Registration Entity	U.S. Department of Labor
ASE Goals	800 apprentices, 30 new Registered Apprenticeship Programs (RAPs)

Key ASE Expansion Strategies

- Support the cost of on-the-job training and related instruction for apprentices with a focus on the recruitment, screening, and enrollment of workers from underrepresented populations.
- Use employer champions for peer-to-peer exchanges to promote employer-led regional networks and promote the benefits of Registered Apprenticeship, sharing best practices and lessons learned.
- Convene businesses and education and workforce partners in a collaborative effort to create and support regional partnerships forming the Illinois Apprentice Network.
- Conduct webinars for partners that incorporate the best practices of employer-led partnerships and concepts from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's Talent Pipeline Management strategy.
- Hold regional-level workshops and state-level conferences facilitating system alignment and the expansion of apprenticeships.
- Educate both employers and potential apprentices about apprenticeship programs, creating awareness of the benefits of apprenticeship programs to all.
- Develop and disseminate apprenticeship models, standards, best practices, and templates including updated return on investment analysis for multiple industries.
- Leverage state, federal, and private sector/nonprofit apprenticeship capacity-building resources; create resource guides; develop and assess feasibility for strengthening network of capacity-building resources.
- Provide support and technical assistance for the employers, networks, and intermediaries in developing apprenticeship programs and registration standards.
- Develop/modify and share curricula, standards, and related templates for RAPs.