

Grant Project Descriptions

American Association of Port Authorities, Alexandria, VA

Organization Type: Industry Association

Project Name: *Strong, Secure National Ports & Supply Chain (SNaPS)*

Award Amount: \$5,888,738

Target H-1B Industry Sector(s): IT and IT-related Industries; Advanced Manufacturing

Target H-1B Occupations: IT and IT-related Occupations

Credential(s) Awarded: USDOL/SAA Journeyworker Credential or Certificate of Completion (Registered Apprenticeship); USDOL/SAA Journeyworker Credential or Certificate of Completion

New or Existing Apprenticeship Program: SNaPS will create both new registered (RA) and non-Registered Apprenticeship programs and expand existing RA programs

Cybersecurity and AI: Cybersecurity

Summary of Apprenticeship Program Activities: The **American Association of Port Authorities (AAAPA)** was awarded \$5,888,738 for the *Strong, Secure National Ports & Supply Chain (SNaPS)* to serve 5,445 cybersecurity/IT and advanced manufacturing/skilled trade apprentices. The program will create both new Registered Apprenticeship and non-registered apprenticeship programs. AAAPA will expand existing Registered Apprenticeship programs to strengthen and secure America's ports, transportation, distribution and logistics supply chains, providing high-quality paid apprenticeship training opportunities in 11 high-demand H-1B information technology and advanced manufacturing industry occupations, including target occupations in cybersecurity information and cybersecurity systems administrators. Employer partners will provide accelerated, academic-linked, and credential-embedded training for individuals with no or limited previous experience with new industry certifications. The Apprenticeship Partnership includes seven national employers with more than 489 facilities/locations covering all 50 states. Key employer partners include the American Airlines Group-American Eagle, PSA Airlines, Piedmont Air, Mesa Air, Envoy Air and Oceaneering International, Inc. The program has a National geographic scope to serve apprentices in specific hubs located in Opportunity Zones in the Upper Midwest region of Indiana, Mid-Atlantic areas of Baltimore, Maryland and Virginia, the Gulf Coast of Texas and Louisiana, and the West Coast including Los Angeles, Long Beach and Anaheim, California. The target population includes unemployed, underemployed and incumbent workers with targeted focus on Veterans and separating service members for IT/cybersecurity and advanced manufacturing occupations, particularly those with directly related military ratings or specialty codes.

Geographic Scope: National **Service Area:** Upper Midwest/Inland Waterways Region – Indiana; Mid-Atlantic – Baltimore, MD, Hampton Roads, VA; Gulf Coast – Houston, TX; Houma - Thibodeaux, LA; West Coast – Long Beach - Los Angeles - Anaheim, CA **Opportunity Zone:** Yes

Proposed Number of Apprentices Served: 5,445

Target Population: Unemployed, underemployed and incumbent workers, including individuals with criminal records, women, and people of color

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