

Grant Project Descriptions

Arkansas Division of Higher Education, Little Rock, AR

Organization Type: State Higher Education Department

Project Name: *Transforming IT Apprenticeships Now (TITAN)*

Award Amount: \$2,000,000

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

Target H-1B Occupations: Cyber Security; Java, IT, Net, IOS/Android Developer; Software Tester; Data Analyst; Network Tech; Systems Admin; Web Des.

Credential(s) Awarded: Security Plus; Comptia; Epoch; Network Plus; PMI Cert.

New or Existing Apprenticeship Program: Both

Cybersecurity and AI: Cybersecurity

Summary of Apprenticeship Program Activities: The Arkansas Division of Higher Education was awarded \$2,000,000 for the *Transforming IT Apprenticeship Now (TITAN)* program to train 1,600 Registered Apprentices in Information Technology (IT) and other related IT industries and occupations. Targeted H-1B occupations include Cybersecurity; java, IT, net, IOS/android developer, software tester, data analyst, network tech, systems admin and web design. The Apprenticeship Partnership includes key employer partners First Orion, Tyson, Simmons Bank, ProTech Solutions, and JB Hunt. Arkansas Community College will serve as a training partner. Apprentices will earn industry-recognized credentials that will be portable in Security Plus, Comptia and Epoch, as well as PMI. The target population includes individuals who are underrepresented in the information technology and Registered Apprenticeship fields, those including women, minorities, veterans, military spouses, ex-offenders and incumbent workers. The program has a Statewide geographic scope providing services to participants in Opportunity Zones in key southeast counties of Jefferson, Grant, Dallas, Clark and rural areas in Arkansas.

Geographic Scope: Statewide

Service Area: Jefferson, Grant, Dallas, and Clark County

Opportunity Zone: Yes

Proposed Number of Apprentices Served: 1,600

Target Population: Individuals underrepresented in IT and RAPs such as women; minorities; veterans; spouses; ex-offenders; non-college goers, rural, incumbent workers

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