

## Grant Project Descriptions

Missouri Chamber Foundation, Jefferson City, MO

**Organization Type:** Non-profit industry association

**Project Name:** *Industry-Driven IT Apprenticeships*

**Award Amount:** \$6,000,000

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

**Target H-1B Occupations:** Computer Programmer, Computer Support Specialist, Computer Systems Analyst, IT Project Manager, Systems Security Analyst

**Credential(s) Awarded:** DOL Nationally Recognized Apprenticeship Credential

**New or Existing Apprenticeship Program:** Both

**Cybersecurity and AI:** Cybersecurity

**Summary of Apprenticeship Program Activities:** Missouri Chamber of Commerce was awarded \$6,000,000 for the *Industry-Driven IT Apprenticeships* program to enable businesses to support other businesses in setting up a Registered Apprenticeship model to meet their Information Technology and Cybersecurity training and worker sourcing needs. The Apprenticeship Partnership is comprised of eight geographically diverse IT industry employers, three colleges, and multiple workforce system entities to register new sponsors and to train at least 5,335 apprentices. The lead employer partner, Cerner Corporation, will share their experience in the Registered Apprenticeship training space to mentor new employers who previously have had little to no experience in utilizing Registered Apprenticeship Programs to become Sponsors. Additional employer partners who have committed to register new apprentices include Cognizant, CyberUp, Fishtech, Jack Henry, Techtonic and World Wide Technology. The Chamber-lead project will train computer programmers, support specialists, systems analysts, IT project managers, and systems security analysts by expanding existing pathways with new employers and creating new apprenticeship occupation pathways. Training will be National in geographic scope, including the Kansas City Metropolitan Service Area, the states of Missouri, Kansas, Colorado, Pennsylvania and Texas. Lead employer Cerner Corporation has recently expanded its service area impact by building its Innovation Campus in a qualified Opportunity Zone in Jackson County, Missouri. Target populations include veterans, returning service members, military spouses, and traditionally underrepresented populations in apprenticeships, including women, people of color, and individuals who identify with disabilities.

**Geographic Scope:** National **Service Area:** Kansas City Metropolitan Service Area, Missouri, Kansas, Colorado, Pennsylvania, Texas **Opportunity Zone:** Yes

**Proposed Number of Apprentices Served:** 5,335

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