

Grant Project Descriptions

Rhode Island Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner, Warwick, RI

Organization Type: State system of higher education

Project Name: *Closing the Skills Gap Apprenticeship Partnership (CSGAP)*

Award Amount: \$1,000,000

Target H-1B Industry Sector(s): Advanced Manufacturing

Target H-1B Occupations: Electrical, Sheet Metal and Pipefitting Tradespersons; Process Technologists in bio-manufacturing, pharmaceutical, textile, electronics, plastics, and brewing industries; Food Industry and Indoor Agriculture Manufacturer; Maritime Boatbuilders; and advanced manufacturers of the EB Supply Chain

Credential(s) Awarded: Apprenticeship Completion Certificate; those completing higher education apprenticeship training will receive a certificate of completion from the institution of higher education.

New or Existing Apprenticeship Program: Both existing and new apprenticeship programs

Cybersecurity and AI: No

Summary of Apprenticeship Program Activities: The **Rhode Island Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner (RI)**, which is RI's state system of higher education, was awarded \$1,000,000 for *Closing the Skills Gap Apprenticeship Partnership (CSGAP)* to expand five proven, existing apprenticeship programs and establish one new apprenticeship program to fill current vacancies in Rhode Island's and Eastern Connecticut's advanced manufacturing sector. The program includes both Registered and unregistered apprenticeships in occupations that include electrical, sheet metal and pipefitting tradespersons; process technologists in bio-manufacturing, pharmaceutical, textile, electronics, plastics, and brewing industries; food industry and indoor agriculture manufacturer; maritime boatbuilders; and advanced manufacturers in the boatbuilder supply chain. Key employer partners include Grey Sail Brewers, Mearthane Products Corp., Hitachi Cable America, Inc., General Dynamics Electric Boat (EB), Thielsch Engineering, and Amgen Inc., in partnerships with the Community College of Rhode Island and additional employer and workforce system entities. The target population for CSGAP is unemployed, underemployed and incumbent workers, particularly veterans, military spouses, transitioning service members, women, people of color, people with disabilities, and formerly incarcerated people. The physical service area of the lead applicant is located in an Opportunity Zone, where the majority of apprentices will be trained.

Geographic Scope: Rhode Island and Eastern Connecticut

Service Area: Rhode Island: Westerly, Warwick, Lincoln, Newport

Opportunity Zone: Yes

Proposed Number of Apprentices Served: 800

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