

Grant Project Descriptions

University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, Whitewater, WI

Organization Type: Institution of Higher Education

Project Name: *Mobilizing a Cybersecurity Workforce: Deploying Wisconsin's Veterans and Families to Cybersecurity Apprenticeships*

Award Amount: \$1,999,961

Target H-1B Industry Sector(s): Advanced Manufacturing, Healthcare, IT and IT related industries

Target H-1B Occupations: Computer User Support Specialists, Computer and Information Research Scientists. Computer and Mathematician Occupations.

Credential(s) Awarded: CompTIA Security+ Certification

New or Existing Apprenticeship Program: New Apprenticeship

Cybersecurity and AI: Cybersecurity

Summary of Apprenticeship Program Activities: University of Wisconsin-Whitewater is awarded \$1,999,961 for the *Mobilizing a Cybersecurity Workforce: Deploying Wisconsin's Veterans and Families to Cybersecurity Apprenticeships* grant program to establish an apprenticeship program based in the digital economy and data-driven world, developing content, standards and services aimed at filling cyber security jobs in Wisconsin. This project will engage employers in advanced manufacturing, information technology and health care related industries who are in need of computer occupations. The apprenticeship partnership includes UW-Whitewater Cyber Security Center for Small Business (CSCSB) and Office of Business Outreach, employer partner Sprocket Security LLC (Private), and Credence Therapy Associates, who will provide supportive services to veterans. This project will launch a statewide program of Cybersecurity apprenticeships to build a diverse cybersecurity workforce that thrives on inclusion of communities, with a particular focus on placing veterans, military spouses and transitioning service members, and underrepresented populations, including women, people of color and ex-offenders located throughout Wisconsin including those in Opportunity Zones.

Geographic Scope: Statewide

Service Area: WI

Opportunity Zone: Yes

Proposed Number of Apprentices Served: 1,600

Target Population: Unemployed, underemployed, and/or incumbent workers within veterans, military spouses, transitioning service member populations in apprenticeships.

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