Grant Project Descriptions

Wireless Infrastructure Association, Arlington, VA

Organization Type: Trade, industry or employer association

Project Name: Wisconsin Industrial Joint Apprenticeship Committee (WIJAC)

Award Amount: $5,997,096

Target H-1B Industry Sector(s): IT & IT Related Industries


Credential(s) Awarded: Associate Degree, USDOL Certificate of Completion, NWSA TTT1, TTT2, Foreman, FOA CFOT, WIA Small Cell Certification

New or Existing Apprenticeship Program: An existing apprenticeship program (Telecommunications Industry Registered Apprenticeship Program)

Cybersecurity and AI: Cybersecurity

Summary of Apprenticeship Program Activities: Wireless Infrastructure Association (WIA) is awarded $5,997,096 for America’s 5G Apprenticeship Initiative (5G AI) to address skills gaps, design curricula and deliver training to develop qualified applicants for placement in middle-to high-skilled jobs needed to build 5G telecommunications networks nationwide that will accelerate overall US job and economic growth. The Apprenticeship Partnership engages a consortium of public and private partners between industry, two leading industry associations, and higher education, including 33 small and mid-sized employers such as MasTec North America, J&R Underground, ElecriCom, Inc., Nexius, Hightower Communications, MillerCo, Mercury Communications & Construction, Key Tower LLC and ICT Telecom, who are committed to create over 5,500 new apprenticeships. This program has a National geographic scope to support incumbent workers, unemployed, and underemployed workers located across 27 States including those in Opportunity Zones, with priority outreach to veterans/transitioning military/military spouses; and encouraging the enrollment of women, people of color and those with re-entry backgrounds.

Geographic Scope: National Service Area: OH, MO, WI, MI, KY, IL, VA, MN, NC, SC, TN, PA, TX, IA, FL, ME, UT, AL, NY, NE, SD, LA, KS, GA, OK, CO, PR Opportunity Zone: Yes

Proposed Number of Apprentices Served: 5,501

Target Population: Incumbent workers, unemployed, underemployed; prioritizing outreach to veterans/transitioning military/military spouses; and encouraging the enrollment of women, people of color and those with re-entry backgrounds.

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