

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

Target H-1B Occupations: New - Utility Communications Technician, New-Small Cell Technician 1 & 2, Telecommunications Tower Technician 1 &2, Wireless Technician 1 &2, Telecommunications Tower Antenna & Line Lead, Telecommunications Tower Antenna & Line Lead, Telecommunications Tower Antenna & Line Lead, Telecommunications Tower Antenna & Line Foreman, Telecommunications Tower Construction Lead , Telecommunications Tower Construction Foreman, Maintenance & Condition Assessment Lead, Maintenance & Condition Assessment Foreman, Fiber Optic Technician

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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