

**FOA-ETA-23-09 - ILLINOIS
STATE APPRENTICESHIP EXPANSION FORMULA
ABSTRACT**

State Apprenticeship Formula Funding Opportunity
Lead Applicant (Base Funding): Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity
Lead Applicant Entity Type: State Agency
Lead Applicant City and State: Springfield, Illinois
Funding Option: Base Funding
Project Title: Apprenticeship Illinois Expansion
Funding Amount Requested: \$1,308,613
Total Number of apprentices enrolled in RAPs during the life of the grant, if applicable: Not applicable
Population(s) to be Served: Dependent on regional population distribution, with a strong emphasis on women and underrepresented populations
List the name of the Required Partner (for states with federally-recognized SAAs): Not applicable
List the name(s) of Optional Partners, as applicable:
Illinois Community College Board – WIOA partner
Illinois Department of Employment Security – WIOA partner
Illinois Department of Human Services – VocRehab – WIOA partner
Illinois State Board of Education – State Agency
Illinois Board of Higher Education – State Agency
Local Workforce Innovation Boards
Past and Current Apprenticeship Expansion Grantees
Integrated Business Services Teams
Regional Economic Development agencies
Unions and Labor Organizations
Employers, Industry Associations, and Networks
Community-Based Organizations and Training Providers
Local and municipal governments
DOL Office of Apprenticeship in Illinois
Targeted Industry(ies) and/or Occupation(s): Broadband, Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Educational Services (K-12 Teachers), Care Economy, Climate/Clean Energy, Public Sector, Technology/Cybersecurity, Transportation, Hospitality, and the Supply Chain
Summary of program activities:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building stronger partnerships with the State and local workforce, education, and economic development system. • Utilizing funding to support drafting of policies and procedures to strengthen the Registered Apprenticeship system.

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- Creating and improving outreach, marketing, and advertising materials and communication strategies for engaging employers, parents, educators, underrepresented populations, and other critical stakeholders.
- Training for business services teams and other workforce and economic development partners related to Registered Apprenticeship.
- Expanding the role of the business service representatives to embed the apprenticeship navigator functions within all local workforce areas.
- Improving employer engagement to increase RAP adoption for in-demand industries and occupations.
- Statewide meetings, such as conferences, industry sector meetings, convenings, TPM collaboratives, and Local Workforce Investments Boards (WIBs) directly related to expanding Registered Apprenticeship.
- Creating course curriculum for in-demand occupations that meet employer needs.

Subrecipient Roles: List all subrecipients and the roles (activities) they will fill on the proposed project. Roles should be aligned with proposed workplan.

- Local workforce areas – expanding capacity of business services teams to embed apprenticeship navigator functions
- Strategic & Creative Marketing Inc. – messaging, outreach, and awareness
- Northern Illinois University – project management

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