

**Kansas Department of Commerce**  
**State Apprenticeship Expansion, Equity, And Innovation Grants (SAEEI) Narrative**

**APPENDIX C: SUGGESTED ABSTRACT FORMAT**

*Please feel free to tailor template as needed to fit your information.*

<b>State Apprenticeship Expansion, Equity, and Innovation Grants</b>	
<b>Lead Applicant / Organization Name:</b>	Kansas Department of Commerce
<b>Lead Applicant Entity Type:</b>	Registered Apprenticeship SAA
<b>Lead Applicant City and State:</b>	Topeka, KS
<b>Project Title: State Apprenticeship Expansion, Equity, and Innovation Grant (SAEEI) FOA-ETA-21-07</b>	
<b>Funding Amount Requested: \$5,681,403.00</b>	
<b>Application proposing diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts as a key strategy in registered apprenticeship expansion efforts and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion plan is included as application to application.: Y</b> Y/N	
<i>(see Appendix E for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Plan requirements)</i>	
<b>Total Number of apprentices enrolled in RAPs during the life of the grant: 750</b>	
<i>(see the chart in Section II.A describes the minimum number of registered apprentices that must be enrolled per funding level)</i>	
<b>Populations to be Served:</b> Persons 16 years of age and older who are not enrolled in a RAP at the time of initial grant service. Additionally, youth, women, people of color, formerly incarcerated individuals, and persons with disabilities, as well as the protected groups identified in 29 CFR Part 30.1 Kansas Department of Commerce remains committed to prioritizing veterans. Further, Kansas Department Commerce will target the populations and industries most affected or displaced by the COVID-19 pandemic.	
List the name of the <b>Required Partner</b> <i>(for states with federally-recognized SAAs):</i> <i>Kansas Department of Commerce Registered Apprenticeship, as designated by Governor Laura Kelly</i>	
List the name(s) of <b>Optional Partners</b> , as applicable: Local Workforce Investment Area I, Inc., Local Workforce Investment Area II, Inc., Local Workforce Investment Area III, Inc., Local Workforce Investment Area IV, Inc., Local Workforce Investment Area V, Inc., Kansas Commission of Veteran Affairs; Kansas Department of Education, & Kansas Department of Corrections	
<i>Insert name(s)</i>	<i>Insert type of organization</i>
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Keely Schneider	<i>Local Workforce Investment Area II, Inc</i>
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<b>Targeted Industry(ies) and/or Occupation(s):</b> <i>Manufacturing, Information Technology, Healthcare, Business and Finance, Transportation and Logistics, and Construction Trades</i>	
<p>Summary of <b>program activities:</b> Kansas Department of Commerce (Commerce) proposes diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts as a key strategy in Registered Apprenticeship (RA) throughout the state. Commerce will expand Registered Apprenticeship through Sub-Grants to seed large intermediaries/sponsors/ businesses to develop and scale larger, more diverse Registered Apprenticeship Programs (RAP). This model will significantly increase employer and apprentice participation through business-led establishment of RAPs Kansas will register 750 new apprentices; implement quality pre-apprenticeship programs that lead to grant funded RAPs; continuously cultivate Youth Apprenticeships; develop robust referral system to expand WIOA co-enrollment opportunities; provide intensive cross training of RA to staff throughout the workforce system; modify and develop additional curricula in order to support the provision of TA to designated partners, and targeted employer/sponsors. These curricula will include, but is not limited to, Registered Apprenticeship on-going programmatic guidance, RAPIDS, and diversity training. Commerce will convene quarterly industry-specific Registered Apprenticeship Roundtables throughout the 5 local workforce development areas of the state, resulting in a minimum of 16 Industry- Specific Registered Apprenticeship Round Table Sessions focusing on Manufacturing, Information Technology, Healthcare, Transportation and Logistics, Business and Finance, and Construction Trades. Commerce will register 2 new non-traditional occupations: LPN – HealthCare &amp; Cybersecurity - IT</p> <p><b>Key Outcomes:</b> Expand employer participation through the Intermediary Structure; increase the number of apprentices by 750; enhance the number of WIOA co-enrollments and workforce services delivered; amplify workforce through pre-apprenticeship, youth apprenticeship and justice-involved pathways.</p> <p><b>Funding Request:</b> \$5,681,403.00</p> <p>List of <b>credential(s)</b> to be awarded: <i>Kansas Department of Commerce RA Certificate of Completion</i></p> <p>The <b>census tract number(s)</b> in your target area designated as a qualified opportunity zone, if applicable: Kansas has 74 Opportunity Zones throughout the state. A sample of census tracts included in the Opportunity Zones: 20009971400; 20005081900; 20091052102; 20125951200; 20001952900</p> <p><b>Public Contact Information</b> <b>Name:</b> Chastity Troxel</p> <p><b>Title:</b> Registered Apprenticeship Program Manager <b>Address:</b> 1000 S.W. Jackson St., Suite 100 <b>Phone Number:</b> 316-218-7142 <b>Email Address:</b> Chastity.Troxel@ks.gov</p>	