APPENDIX C: ABSTRACT FORMAT

State Apprenticeship Expansion, Equity, and Innovation Grants

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<th>Lead Applicant / Organization Name:</th>
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**Project Title:** Project Pathway

**Funding Amount Requested:** $10,000,000

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.: N/A

*(see Appendix E for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Plan requirements)*

**Total Number of apprentices enrolled in RAPs during the life of the grant:**

2,000

*(see the chart in Section II.A describes the minimum number of registered apprentices that must be enrolled per funding level)*

**Populations to be Served:**

All populations, including underrepresented populations (defined as youth, women, veterans, people of color, formerly incarcerated individuals, and persons with disabilities)

List the name of the **Required Partner** *(for states with federally-recognized SAAs)*:

N/A; Texas is an OA state

List the name(s) of **Optional Partners**, as applicable:

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TWC Agricultural Services

Department of Labor – Office of Apprenticeship

Federal Government

Community and/or Technical Colleges

50 Community and 7 Technical Colleges

Institutions of Higher Education

Registered Apprenticeship Training Programs

Training Providers

Texas Chamber of Commerce

Economic Development/Workforce Development

Texas Economic Development Corporation

Economic Development/Workforce Development

Potential Partners:

• Nonprofit Organizations
  ○ Educate Texas
  ○ YouthBuild
  ○ Goodwill
  ○ Helmets to Hardhats
  ○ Boys and Girls Club
  ○ United Way
• Faith Based Organizations

Supportive Services

Targeted Industry(ies) and/or Occupation(s):

Advanced Manufacturing (industrial machinery mechanics, machinist, mechanical engineers, etc.), Business Management and Operations (financial managers, accountants, management analyst, etc.), and Construction (construction managers, plumbers, pipefitters, etc.), as well as others as identified by employer need.

Summary of program activities:

The overall goals of this funding will be supporting Boards and community and technical colleges to expand the use of Registered Apprenticeship as a training model. TWC will require each grantee to have a designated Apprenticeship Liaison in their area to become the subject matter expert, hence expanding capacity at the local level as we look for Registered Apprenticeship to be sustainable. Sustainability will be addressed in state and local plans as Texas moves forward in the development of our multi-year plan.

List of credentials(s) to be awarded:

Completion Certificates including industry credentials such as AWS, MSSC, NIMS, OSHA, HAZWOPER, CNA, CompTIA, NCCER, AutoCAD, CPR, CISCO, Microsoft Certified Solutions, and other medical and dental certifications. TWC reserves the right to modify the list of credentials as needed based on workforce needs.

The census tract number(s) in your target area designated as a qualified opportunity zone, if applicable:

Texas has 628 designated opportunity zones, all of which are low-income communities.

https://opportunitydb.com/location/texas/

Opportunity Zone Designations Map:

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