

Attachment I-6. Abstract

2019 State Apprenticeship Expansion Grant

Lead Applicant Organization's Name: Governor's Office of Workforce Innovation (OWINN)

Tier I Funding Amount: \$450,000

Tier I Goals

1. National Apprenticeship System Building: OWINN will rebuild and redesign its existing web-based clearinghouse that provides information about Registered Apprenticeship (RA) programs for both current RA sponsors and prospective employers as well as job-seekers.
2. System Alignment for Apprenticeship Expansion: OWINN will establish a formal partnership with Nevada Department of Education (NDE)'s Work-Based Learning (WBL) Coordinators to bolster alignment between current CTE programs and quality apprenticeship programs, and expand the pipeline of RA opportunities, especially in high-demand sectors (e.g. health care, logistics and operations, advanced manufacturing, and information technology).
3. Improving Data Sharing and Data Integrity: OWINN will work with Nevada's state longitudinal data system (known as NPWR) to improve use of RAPIDS data in state reporting, and will publish a status report on work-based learning opportunities and Registered Apprenticeships annually.

This proposal seeks to expand the number of Registered Apprenticeships (RA) in Nevada. Since its creation in 2016, the Governor's Office of Workforce Innovation (OWINN) has led efforts to develop robust workforce pathways to meet the State's strategic goal of diversifying Nevada's economy, which has historically depended on consumption based industries (trade, accommodations and gaming). As Nevada confronts the COVID-19 related economic crisis and transitions to recovery, OWINN recognizes the need to accelerate Registered Apprenticeship Program expansion through system building, alignment of programs, and more effective collection and use of relevant data. Major goals of this proposal include (1) Rebuild and redesign of OWINN's current web-based portal (LifeWorks) that collects information about employers, provides information about Registered Apprenticeship Programs for current and prospective employers, locates supporting documentation for how to design and implement RAPs, and offers guidance and information about work-based learning opportunities for job-seekers; (2) Stronger alignment between OWINN and Nevada Department of Education Work-Based Learning Coordinators regarding current CTE programs and quality apprenticeship programs; and (3) Better integration and reporting of RAPIDS data, and the annual publication of a status report on work-based learning opportunities in Nevada. Nevada remains committed to expanding RAs in all industries. Currently, more than 70 percent of current RAs in Nevada are in the construction industry. Nevada Governor's Office of Economic Development has identified the following sectors as high-growth, high-demand sectors: advanced manufacturing, health care, information technology, and logistics and operations. As such, OWINN will work with workforce development stakeholders to expand the number of RAs in these sectors, as well.