

ABSTRACT

2019 State Apprenticeship Expansion Grant	
Lead Applicant Organization's Name:	Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity
Tier I Funding Amount: <i>State can receive a base amount of \$450,000; U.S. territories receive \$300,000.</i>	\$450,000

Tier I Baseline Goals:

1. *National Apprenticeship System Building.* States must spend base funding on developing structures that ensure all RAPs in the State have the features of high-quality apprenticeship described in 29 C.F.R. parts 29 and 30.
2. *System Alignment for Apprenticeship Expansion.* States must spend base funding to build statewide capacity to increase the number and quality of apprenticeships through stronger alignment with the education and workforce systems.
3. *Improving Data Sharing and Data Integrity.* States must spend base funding to improve data collection and sharing and data integrity.

PROJECT SUMMARY:
 For the three baseline goals set through the State Apprenticeship Expansion Grants, "Building State Capacity to Expand Apprenticeship through Innovation," Illinois will have the ability to build a stronger foundation for apprenticeship expansion. (1) Illinois will work with the state's DOL OA office to determine better collaboration with OA and the state's apprenticeship navigators as well as identify and create frameworks for high-demand occupations due to COVID-19 to help establish new programs more quickly. (2) Through the Illinois Interagency Implementation Team, Illinois will increase alignment of workforce and education around expanding RAPs and move toward seamless integration. (3) Illinois will improve data sharing and data integrity through the creation of an apprenticeship system augmented to integrate with and share other data.