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2019 State Apprenticeship Expansion Grant

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<th>Lead Applicant Organization’s Name:</th>
<th>Louisiana Workforce Commission</th>
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<td><strong>Tier I Funding Amount:</strong> State can receive a base amount of $450,000; U.S. territories receive $300,000.</td>
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<td><strong>If applicable, Tier II Funding Amount Request:</strong> Up to $3 million, $3,000,001 to $6 million; or $6,000,001 to $9 million. Identify specific amount requested.</td>
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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.

Short Project Summary: Expand new and existing programs and improve quality of all programs, create a secure method for data tracking and storage, and provide supportive services to participants. The following industries and occupations will be our focus:
Tier II Innovation Goals and Activities (if applicable):

**Up to $3 million:**

- Select two of the Tier II Goals
  - Goal 1: E.i. Establish or expand the role of the business service representative /apprenticeship navigator with the promotion of apprenticeship to partner systems (e.g., education, workforce, and economic development)
  - Goal 2: A.v. Identify specific strategies to support engagement with small businesses in nontraditional industries in Registered Apprenticeship. Strategies could include establishing incentives for employers to form consortia; developing specific intermediaries that serve as the sponsor of apprenticeship programs for small businesses (e.g., Chambers of Commerce, Community Colleges, Workforce Boards); and, any other strategy identified by the State.
- Goal of at least 10 percent growth of new apprentices registered above the current State baseline during the life of the grant.

**Short Project Summary:** Hire three apprenticeship navigators to promote Registered Apprenticeship across the state. Create consortia programs to engage with small businesses seeking training for non-traditional occupations, ideally with community colleges serving as the program sponsors. Hire one contract specialist to oversee contracts for OJT and RTI reimbursement. Increase baseline numbers of apprentices by at least 10%. The following industries and occupations will be our focus: Plumbing, Carpentry, Electrical, Insulation, HVAC, Refrigeration, Laborers, Millwrights, Sprinkler Fitters, Elevator Constructors, Painters, Glaciers, Welders, Welderfitter, Pipefitter, Sheetmetal Workers, Ironworkers, Tankerman, Repairers, Heavy Equipment Operators, Roofers, Non-Destructive Testing, Healthcare, Information Technology, Manufacturing, Video Production, Barbering, Oil and Gas, Ambulance Services, Water/Wastewater, Recycling, Process Technology, Refinery Operator, Culinary, Machinist, Technicians and Mechanics.