

2019 State Apprenticeship Expansion Grant	
Lead Applicant Organization's Name:	Maine Department of Labor (MDOL)
Tier I Funding Amount:	\$450,000.00
Tier I Baseline Goals	
<p>1. <b>National Apprenticeship System Building.</b> States must spend base funding on developing structures that ensure that all RAPs in the State have the features of high-quality apprenticeship described in 29 C.F.R. parts 29 (Subpart A) and 30.</p> <p>2. <b>System Alignment for Apprenticeship Expansion.</b> States must spend base funding to build state-wide capacity to increase the number and quality of Registered Apprenticeships through stronger alignment with the education and workforce systems.</p> <p>3. <b>Improving Data Sharing and Data Integrity.</b> States must commit to improving data sharing and data integrity regarding registration activities.</p>	
<p><b>Summary:</b> Increase staff capacity to : (1) monitor all new sponsors within 12 months of registration, (2) monitor all sponsors within 2-3 years of approval of permanent registration status (3) check-in with sponsors at least annually to determine technical assistance needs and/or complete program updates.</p> <p>Goal 2. (1) develop memorandums of understanding with and provide increased technical assistance to our workforce development and education partners to better align our activities. (2) concentrate outreach to new single business and intermediary sponsors in our targeted industry sectors: healthcare, manufacturing and construction; (3) leverage the technical assistance and coaching provided by a Job for the Future grant to the University of Southern Maine's Cutler Institute to develop high quality standards for youth apprenticeship programs in Maine and (4) expand apprenticeship opportunities to people with disabilities.</p> <p>Goal 3. (1) develop an agreement to join Maine RAPIDS apprenticeship records with workforce data to depict earnings before enrollment and after completion of apprenticeship. (2) develop an automated report describing earnings of apprentices by program, occupation or other desired demographics to illustrate the return on apprenticeship investment (ROI) to stakeholders. (3) register all Maine apprentices in both the USDOL RAPIDS database and in Maine's JobLink to report required data elements to USDOL through the PIRL and (4) commit to engage with the Office of Apprenticeship to enhance RAPIDS functionalities in quarterly USDOL RAPIDS weeks.</p>	