

Abstract

CNMI State Apprenticeship Expansion Grant	
Lead Applicant Organization's Name:	Northern Marianas College
Tier I Funding Amount:	\$300,000

Tier I Baseline Goals:

- 1. National Apprenticeship System Building-** To build the CNMI State Apprenticeship System.
 - Establish communication with USDOL OA to implement RAP program in the CNMI.
 - Create CNMI Apprenticeship Advisory Committee.
 - Engage Legislators, DOL Secretary and Governor to formally recognize and officially support the CNMI Apprenticeship Program.
 - Provide technical assistance to employers in developing a RAP program, in accordance to DOL OA ETA standards.
- 2. System Alignment for Apprenticeship Expansion** -To increase the number and quality of Registered Apprenticeships through stronger alignment with the education and workforce systems.
 - Engage Related Instruction Providers - Public School System (PSS), Northern Marianas Technical Institute (NMTI), Northern Marianas College (NMC).
 - Develop and enhance pipeline between PSS to NMC & NMTI.
 - Increase awareness of Registered Apprenticeship as a solution to align employment, training, education, and support services for adults and youth, and other underrepresented populations (including women, people of color, ex-offenders, and persons with disabilities).
- 3. Improving Data Sharing and Data Integrity-**To establish and provide data collection, sharing and integrity.
 - Adopt CNMI WIOA VOS System.
 - Adopt RAPIDS as the CNMI's case management system for registering employer activities.

Short Project Summary:

At the core of building the Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Apprenticeship system is the State Workforce Development Board (SWDB) serving in an advisory capacity. The SWDB will create a CNMI Apprenticeship Advisory Committee (AAC) which will advise Northern Marianas College and CNMI DOL on how to meet the needs of private and public sector employers through the Registered Apprenticeship Program. Participants will be recruited through the education institutions providing pre-apprenticeship programs and the related instructions. Additionally, participants will be funneled through the RAP program through partner organizations made up of business industry organizations, government agencies and other non-governmental organizations. The AAC through the SWDB will engage Legislators, the CNMI DOL Secretary and CNMI Governor to formally recognize and officially support the CNMI Apprenticeship Program through the sponsoring of legislation. They will also engage and recruit private sector employers. In addition, the SAE Program Manager together with CNMI DOL ASE Program Manager will be in close contact and coordination with the USDOL to provide technical assistance to employers in developing a RAP program, in accordance with DOL OA ETA standards.