

### Abstract

<b>2019 State Apprenticeship Expansion Grant</b>	
<b>Lead Applicant Organization's Name:</b>	SD Department of Labor and Regulation
<b>Tier I Funding Amount:</b> <i>State can receive a base amount of \$450,000; U.S. territories receive \$300,000.</i>	\$450,000.00

<b>Tier I Baseline Goals</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>National Apprenticeship System Building.</i> 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.</li> <li>2. <i>System Alignment for Apprenticeship Expansion.</i> 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.</li> <li>3. <i>Improving Data Sharing and Data Integrity.</i> States must spend base funding to improve data collection and sharing and data integrity.</li> </ol>
<p><b>Short Project Summary:</b> <i>Include identifying targeted industry(ies) and/or occupation(s).</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To improve the <i>National Apprenticeship System Building</i> and ensure Registered Apprenticeship Programs (RAPs) in South Dakota have features of a high-quality apprenticeship program, we plan to utilize funding to build a case management system that allows sponsors to complete standards and build programs electronically. This system will allow DLR staff to see the sponsor's progress in real-time to offer assistance as needed. Information from this system can be extracted and provided to U.S. DOL Office of Apprenticeship for approval.</li> <li>2. To improve <i>System Alignment for Apprenticeship Expansion</i>, DLR will partner with at least one industry association to increase Registered Apprenticeship Programs and offerings in a high-demand STEM field in South Dakota. DLR will assist in the development and business buy-in for the Registered Apprenticeship. Businesses members can partner with the association to utilize the Registered Apprenticeship program and offer their employees a structured training program. Through this we hope to identify a framework in which we can use to scale this model with future funding opportunities.</li> <li>3. To <i>Improve Data Sharing and Data Integrity</i>, DLR plans to build a Registered Apprenticeship module through Geographic Solutions, Inc. (GeoSol) in our SDWORKS</li> </ol>

management information system. As DLR assists businesses, we will encourage them to register their new apprentices in SDWORKS to ease DLR's method of tracking and reporting. SDWORKS will allow for a common intake with other workforce programs, which opens the doors to additional WIOA funding for eligible apprentices. Sponsors will also be encouraged to register opportunities on the Finder app. DLR program and data staff will take part in quarterly and weekly U.S. DOL RAPIDS meetings.