

a. Abstract

Lead Applicant / Organization Name: SER Jobs for Progress of the Texas Gulf Coast, Inc. (SER/SERJobs)

Lead applicant entity type: Workforce Development

Lead Applicant City and State: Houston, Texas

Select Grant Category:

Expansion of RAP Opportunities for Youth: up to \$5 million

Project Title: SERJobs Apprenticeship Building America Program

Funding Amount Requested: \$4,585,000

Applicants Geographic Scope of Proposed Project: Apprenticeship Building America will serve urban areas throughout Harris County, Texas

Number of apprentices enrolled in RAPs during the life of the grant: 100

Population(s) to be served: Male and female youth and young adults aged 16-24 living in Harris County, Texas, who are underrepresented, underserved, and unemployed.

Required Partners:

- TRIO Electric- Electrical Construction Company, Apprenticeship Partner
- MCA Communications- Communication Technology Integration Company, Apprenticeship Partner
- APH Logistics – Freight/Shipping Broker Company
- KIPP Charter School – K-12 Education Facility
- Houston Independent School District K-12 Education Facility School
- Alief Independent School District - K-12 Education Facility
- Premier High School at Gallery Furniture - K-12 Education Facility
- Harris County Community College- Secondary Higher Education Facility
- Lonestar Community College- Secondary Higher Education Facility
- Wharton County Community College- Secondary Higher Education Facility
- Workforce Solutions- State Apprenticeship Agency and Local Workforce Development Board

Optional Partners: (Organization names and entity type)

- Dress for Success – Community-Based Organization; Service Provider (Clothing)
- RMC Construction – Construction Company
- Target Hunger – Community-Based Organization; Service Provider (Food)
- The Beacon – Community-Based Organization; Service Provider (Legal Services)
- Houston-Galveston Area Council – Workforce Development Board
- Shelters to Shutters – Community-Based Organization; Service Provider (Housing)
- Redbox+ – Construction Company
- Unlimited Vision

Project Purpose: The purpose of the program is to provide eligible youth, age 16-24, living in Harris County with pathways to pre-apprenticeships that lead to RAP's, ultimately increasing the number of skilled laborers in Harris County and providing a pathway to financial stability for program participants.

Subrecipient Activities: N/A

List of Credentials(s) to be awarded:

Occupation	Credential
Logistics	OSHA 10, MSSC, CLT Certification
Electrician	NCCER Electrician Level 1, NCCER CORE, Construction & Safety, OSHA 10
Welder	AWS, NCCER CORE, Construction & Safety, OSHA 10
Internet Communications Technician	BICSI
HVAC	NATE
CDL	Class B/Class A CDL
Medical Assistant	MA-C

SUMMARY OF PROGRAM ACTIVITIES: SERJobs will develop and implement a youth centered approach to expanding RAP's, increase opportunities for youth in Harris County, TX aged 16-24 to participate in RAP's, and raise awareness of and promote RAP's to high school students and opportunity youth in selected high demand, high growth pathways in the Construction, Transportation, Electrician, Logistics, HVAC, Healthcare and IT pathways. SER's comprehensive approach will utilize a diverse support network and multiple accountability levels by ensuring that program participants become productive, skilled workers and are provided with positive opportunities to engage in intentional activities, including education, training, and employment; maintain long-term employment; obtain supportive services, and physical and mental health needs. Through its experience, renowned training and pre-apprenticeship programming, partnerships, and unique blend of services, SER's ABA program will ensure that youth are prepared to meet the needs of the local labor markets with the skills valued by employers, resulting in the attainment of high-growth, high-demand jobs, and higher wages.

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