

Abstract**YOUTH APPRENTICESHIP READINESS GRANT PROGRAM**

Lead Applicant Organization's Name:	The WorkPlace, Inc.
Lead Applicant Entity Type:	Non-profit and Workforce Development Board
Lead Applicant City/State:	Bridgeport/Connecticut

YOUTH APPRENTICESHIP PARTNERSHIP

Required Partner/s:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Connecticut Office of Apprenticeship (State Apprenticeship Agency) ii. Housatonic Community College (Education and Training Provider) iii. Career Resources, Inc. (Workforce Development) iv. The WorkPlace — Applicant (Workforce Development Board) 	
Required Employer Partners (2):	Industry Sector
Bigelow Tea Company	Manufacturing
Microboard Processing, Inc.	Manufacturing

Optional Partner/s:		
Organization Names of Optional Partners:	Entity Type	Industry Sector
Justice Education Center	Apprenticeship	Manufacturing/ Construction
Proposed Geographic Scope: (local/regional, state-wide, National) Service Areas: (where apprentices will be served)	Proposed Geographic Scope: Local/Regional Service Area: Bridgeport Area, Connecticut	
Total Funding Requested:	\$1,997,046.00	
Total Leveraged Funds: (25% of funds requested)	\$510,000.00	
Project Title/Name:	<i>Young Adult Apprenticeships in Manufacturing</i>	
Summary of Youth Apprenticeship Program Activities and List of Credential(s) to be Awarded:	<p>Summary: The WorkPlace proposes to develop, and support, an apprenticeship program aimed at helping young adults the Southwestern Connecticut workforce pursue careers in the <i>Manufacturing Industry</i>. Under this Manufacturing program, the Partnership—which is comprised of The WorkPlace and its regional industry partners—will incorporate Housatonic Community</p>	

	<p>College’s (HCC) <i>Advanced Manufacturing Program</i>, a successful pre-apprenticeship program, and Manufacturing Technician Level 1 (MT1) Certification. The program curriculum will produce graduates with industry-recognized credentials and training that will help them successfully transition into apprenticeship programs and careers in Manufacturing. This program will primarily focus on “in-school youth” who are in the 11th and 12th grades. For the regions’ young adult (out of school youth) population (16-24 without a high school diploma), the Partnership will work with the Justice Education Center to provide its proven pre-apprenticeship curriculum. HCC and the Justice Education Center have recognized pre-apprenticeship programs in Connecticut. Additionally, The WorkPlace has partnered with local employers including Bigelow Tea and Microboard Processing, Inc. to support this initiative. List of Credentials: National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) Certification, HCC’s Manufacturing Technician Level 1 (MT1) Certification</p>
Targeted Population(s) to be Served:	Young adults ages 16-24
Targeted Industry(ies) and/or occupations(s):	Manufacturing/Advanced Manufacturing

Census Tract Numbers: The following census tracks in The WorkPlace’s service area are qualified Opportunity Zones designated by the Secretary of Treasury: Bridgeport—703, 705, 706, 738, 740, 743, 744. **Public Contact Information:** The WorkPlace, Inc.; 350 Fairfield Avenue, Bridgeport, CT 06604; Phone: (203) 610-8500; Fax: (203) 335-9703 | (203) 610-8501