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**TO:** NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP SYSTEM STAKEHOLDERS

OFFICE OF APPRENTICESHIP STAFF

STATE APPRENTICESHIP AGENCIES

**FROM:** JOHN V. LADD /s/

Administrator, Office of Apprenticeship

**SUBJECT:** New Apprenticeable Occupation: Telecommunications Utilities Foreman (TUF)

1. **Purpose.** To inform the staff of OA, State Apprenticeship Agencies (SAA), Registered Apprenticeship program sponsors, and other Registered Apprenticeship partners of the following new apprenticeable occupation: Telecommunications Utilities Foreman (TUF)
2. **Action Requested.** OA staff should familiarize themselves with this bulletin and the attached Work Process Schedule and Related Instruction Outline, as a source for developing apprenticeship standards and/or providing technical assistance.

Telecommunications Utilities Foreman (TUF) will be added to the List of Occupations Recognized as Apprenticeable by OA located on www.apprenticeship.gov. A suggested Work Process Schedule and Related Instruction Outline are attached.

1. **Summary and Background.**
   1. Summary – The occupation Telecommunications Utilities Foreman (TUF) was submitted by Ms. Debroah Bennett, Director of Apprenticeship for Wireless Infrastructure Association (WIA) on behalf of Telecommunications Industry Registered Apprenticeship Program (TIRAP), were processed by Kirk Jefferson and approved by the OA Administrator on May 5, 2022.
   2. Background –

***New/Revised Occupation Background -*** Under 29 CFR section 29.4, an occupation for a RAP must meet the following criteria to be determined apprenticeable:

1. Involve skills that are customarily learned in a practical way through a structured, systematic program of on-the job supervised learning:
2. Be clearly identified and commonly recognized throughout an industry;
3. Involve the progressive attainment of manual, mechanical, or technical skills and knowledge which, in accordance with the industry standard for the occupation, would require the completion of at least 2,000 hours of on-the-job learning to attain; and
4. Require related instruction to supplement the on-the job learning.
5. **New Apprenticeable Occupation.** The occupation Telecommunications Utilities Foreman was submitted for an apprenticeability determination.

Telecommunications Utilities Foreman

O\*NET-SOC CODE: 49-1011.00

RAPIDS Code: 3034CB

Type of Training: Competency-based

Telecommunications Utilities Foreman (TUF) perform the following duties:

• The leader of a crew with skills in the construction and maintenance of underground or aerial telecommunications utility systems.;

• Ability to lead, supervise and plan daily job site activities while managing daily interactions with customers, crew members, property owners, and permitting agencies; and

• Exhibits a thorough knowledge of National Electric Standard Codes (NESC) relating to attachment requirements and compliant installations

1. **Inquiries.** If you have any questions, please, contact Kirk Jefferson, Apprenticeship & Training Representative at 202-693-3399.
2. **Attachments.**

