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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:** Recognition of Colorado as a New State Apprenticeship Agency (SAA)

1. **Purpose.** To inform the staff of Office of Apprenticeship (OA) and the State Apprenticeship Agencies (SAA), Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP) sponsors and other Registered Apprenticeship partners of the recognition of Colorado as a new SAA. The Colorado Department of Labor and Employment (Apprenticeship Colorado) will be the Registration Agency for Federal purposes in the state of Colorado effective July 1, 2023.
2. **Action Requested.** The OA staff should familiarize themselves with this bulletin. Both existing and potential Registered Apprenticeship (RA) program sponsors should familiarize themselves with this bulletin and any process changes or modifications that are driven by this transition.
3. **Summary and Background.**
   1. Summary – The application for recognition of Colorado as a SAA was submitted by Denise Miller, Ed. D., Apprenticeship Director, on behalf of Apprenticeship Colorado. Effective July 1, 2023, OA Administrator, John Ladd, approved Colorado as the Registration Agency for Federal purposes consistent with 29 CFR 29.13.
   2. Background – Registered Apprenticeship Programs (RAPs) may be registered and overseen by one of two entities: the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) OA or a recognized State Apprenticeship Agency. Both entities share some similar functions such as the provision of technical assistance and support to program sponsors, connection of businesses to training providers, and the sharing of information surrounding available funding opportunities for apprenticeship. However, once registered as an SAA the State’s role and responsibilities expand and/or change in the following ways:

* The SAA is recognized by OA to act on behalf of DOL to register and oversee programs in the recognized State for Federal purposes;
* State employees act as primary liaisons for apprenticeship sponsors and employers;
* The SAA may modify DOL-issued forms to satisfy State requirements; and
* The SAA may exercise the option to utilize a separate system for capturing and storing apprenticeship data. The Department’s recommendation is the continued use of RAPIDS.

1. **Inquiries.** If you have any questions about this bulletin please contact Andrew Ridgeway, Division Director, Division of National Systems Building, at (202) 693-3536 or [Ridgeway.Andrew@dol.gov](mailto:Ridgeway.Andrew@dol.gov). If you have questions for Apprenticeship Colorado, please contact Apprenticeship Director, Denise Miller, Ed. D. at (303) 241-6475 or denise.miller@state.co.us.