



Industry Intermediary

Wireless Infrastructure Association

Industry

Telecommunications, Wireless, 5G, Broadband

Key Partners

- State Technical College of Missouri
- Terra State Community College (OH)
- Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College
- Monroe County Community College (MI)
- Somerset Community College (KY)
- 30+ Employers
- Power & Communication Contractors Association (PCCA)
- Pre-Apprenticeship Program Providers
 - Warriors4Wireless
 - AirStreams Renewables, Inc.
 - Learning Alliance Corporation
 - Polytechnic University of Puerto Rico
 - American Council on Education Apprenticeship (ACE)

Target Apprentice Populations

- Minorities
- Veterans

Project Overview

The rapidly growing Telecommunications industry, fueled by fifth generation (5G) network deployments, provides meaningful career pathways through training programs, such as Wireless Infrastructure Association's (WIA) expanding Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP). This initiative will train for skills that 5G demands, and create opportunities for diverse and under-represented populations to access Telecommunications careers and build a representative and inclusive workforce; also supporting employers hiring apprentices and training their own employees for success.

WIA has a strong existing, competency-based apprenticeship program that provides a portable, industry-recognized credential, and is working with Institutes of Higher Education (IHEs) to strengthen curricula and build a pipeline of apprentices. WIA is also providing access to pre-apprenticeship programs that will accelerate preparation in career and technical education and veterans' transition programs, with articulation agreements that will support continued related technical instruction.