

AIS2 Launches ‘Pathways to Good Jobs’

A Bold Vision for Transforming Workforce Development Through Apprenticeships

Knoxville, TN – April 30, 2025 – *Apprenticeship Implementation Solutions, Inc. (AIS2), a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, proudly announces the launch of its ‘Pathways to Good Jobs’ initiative on National Apprenticeship Day. This groundbreaking effort aims to modernize workforce development by expanding apprenticeship opportunities, fostering economic growth, and empowering career seekers with sustainable job pathways.*

“Our mission at AIS2 is to reimagine apprenticeships as a powerful driver of economic growth and individual empowerment,” said **Girish Seshagiri, AIS2 Founder and CEO**, who is a **U.S. Department of Labor-certified Apprenticeship Ambassador**. ‘Pathways to Good Jobs’ is a bold step toward bridging gaps in education, opportunity, and workforce readiness while ensuring more individuals can access meaningful, well-paying careers.”

Over the past few years, the United States has seen significant growth in **Registered Apprenticeship programs**, with employers increasingly recognizing their value in building a **highly skilled workforce**. However, AIS2 identifies **cybersecurity as a critical sector where demand far exceeds supply** ([CyberSeek.org](https://www.cyberseek.org)). The organization strongly believes that “**Cybersecurity Skills Matter**” and emphasizes the **urgent need for industry-led solutions** to address the cybersecurity skilled workforce shortage crisis.

A Call to Action: Redesigning Workforce Pathways

AIS2 urges **local cybersecurity ecosystem stakeholders including WIOA officials, educators, and policy makers** to collaborate on **redesigning vocational education and training** with direct input from employers. By focusing on communities with higher-than-national poverty rates and emphasizing equitable access, AIS2 strives to ensure that apprenticeship opportunities benefit local economies. The organization offers **technical design and leadership assistance** to support these transformative efforts.

Let us jointly create a future where apprenticeships unlock economic mobility and national prosperity.

Goals of the ‘Pathways to Good Jobs’ Initiative:

- ✅ **Increase** the percentage of the workforce trained through **vocational education and apprenticeship programs**, offering alternatives to traditional higher education routes.
- ✅ **Break down silos** between **K-9 to K-12**, community colleges, universities, and certificate-based training providers—creating **seamless workforce entry points**.
- ✅ **Focus on communities** where census data shows **higher-than-national poverty rates**, ensuring equitable access to apprenticeship opportunities in cybersecurity.

- ✓ **Expand the pipeline** of trained **cybersecurity professionals**, addressing workforce skills shortages in this critical sector.
- ✓ **Enhance employer awareness** of **local post-secondary training providers**, strengthening industry-led workforce development initiatives.

AIS2's Leadership in Workforce Transformation

As an established leader in apprenticeship solutions, AIS2 brings a proven track record of driving systemic change. From technical design to strategic collaboration, AIS2 offers unmatched expertise to support partners in advancing vocational training and economic empowerment.

For partnership inquiries or to learn more about AIS2's initiatives, contact gvs@ais2.org