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WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE
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ADWS DISCRETIONARY GRANTS TEAM SUCCESSES

- $39 Million in Federal Workforce Training Grants since 2010
- Over 6000 workers trained
- Over 3000 employers served
- Let us partner with you—funding, training providers, other resources
- Creating a skilled workforce, low turnover, raising quality of life
Grants to Serve **YOU**: 

- Arkansas Apprenticeship Pathway Initiative (AAPI)
- Arkansas Expands Apprenticeship (AREA)
- Arkansas Apprenticeship Accelerator
- Arkansas Sector Partnership (ASP)
- Job Driven National Emergency (JD NEG) Grant
The RA Opportunity

President Obama, through the Department of Labor, awarded $175 million in American Apprenticeship Grants to 46 public-private partnerships.

These grants are focused on:

• expanding apprenticeship to new high-tech industries; and

• ensuring apprenticeships are available to a more diverse population.

Tonight, I'm also asking more businesses to follow the lead of companies like CVS and UPS, and offer more educational benefits and paid apprenticeships -- opportunities that give workers the chance to earn higher-paying jobs even if they don't have a higher education.

– President Obama, State of the Union Address, January 20, 2015
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**ARKANSAS APPRENTICESHIPUSA STATE ACCELERATOR**

- **Purpose:** The Arkansas ApprenticeshipUSA State Accelerator Grant is to:
  - help integrate apprenticeship into the education and workforce systems;
  - Engage industry and other partners;
  - Expand apprenticeship into new sectors and populations;
  - Conduct outreach;
  - Work with employers to start new programs;
  - Promote greater inclusion and diversity in apprenticeship; and to
  - Implement state incentives and system reforms.

- **Amount of Grant:** $200,000

- **Timeframe:** May 31, 2018
Arkansas Apprenticeship Pathway Initiative (AAPI)
Purpose: The Arkansas Apprenticeship Pathway Initiative (AAPI) will create and expand existing Registered Apprenticeship statewide in targeted H-1B growth industries, strengthen employer and service provider partnerships, as well as provide an opportunity for participants to learn occupational specific skills and obtain good wages while gaining college credit.

Amount of Grant: $4,000,000 Including Funding for Training

Timeframe: October 1, 2015 to June 30, 2020
Participants Served

Individuals served through the project can be either:

(a) youth that are at least 16 years of age and not currently enrolled in school within a secondary educational agency (e.g., high school), or

(b) at least 18 years of age.
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ARKANSAS APPRENTICESHIP PATHWAY INITIATIVE (AAPI)

Industries of Focus

- Information Technology
  - Software Architect
- Health Care
  - Pharmacy Technician
- Advanced Manufacturing
  - Mechatronics, Manufacturing Welding, Industrial Coatings & Lining Applicator Specialist, Instrumentation Calibration, & Advanced Manufacturing
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ARKANSAS APPRENTICESHIP PATHWAY INITIATIVE (AAPI)

Arkansas Expands Apprenticeship (AREA)
ARKANSAS EXPANDS APPRENTICESHIP (AREA)

- **Purpose:** The Arkansas Expands Apprenticeship (AREA) will create and expand existing Registered Apprenticeship statewide by five percent (5%) in targeted industries of Advanced Manufacturing, Transportation, Aerospace, Information Technology, Construction. The goal is to strengthen employer and service provider partnerships to serve the needs of employers for a skilled workforce with low turnover and of jobseekers for a career that provides a family sustaining wage.

- **Amount of Grant:** $900,000

- **Timeframe:** November 1, 2016 to April 30, 2018

- The grant MAY be renewed with additional funding
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ARKANSAS EXPANDS APPRENTICESHIP (AREA)

Participants Served

Participants eligible to receive services and training under this grant are all individuals who are 16 years of age or older.

Emphasis on Veterans
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ARKANSAS EXPANDS APPRENTICESHIP (AREA)

Industries of Focus

- Current—Transportation and Construction

Opportunities for Expansion*

- Information Technology
- Health Care
- Advanced Manufacturing

*Apply to renew at the end of term
Survey Results

Apprenticeship Convocation Attendee Survey Results:

- Over half (54.5%) of the employers indicated their company would consider participating in Registered Apprenticeships and requested DWS services.
- Over sixty-three percent (63.6%) of respondents indicated they are able to identify employer partners that would be interested in Registered Apprenticeships.
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ARKANSAS SECTOR PARTNERSHIP (ASP)

Arkansas Sector Partnership (ASP)
Purpose: The Arkansas Sector Partnership (ASP) Grant Program is designed to meet the needs of dislocated workers.

Amount of Grant: $6,362,485 (Training Funds Available)

Timeframe: July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2017
Participants Served

Individuals who are dislocated workers with emphasis on long-term unemployed*.

*Long-term unemployed is defined as an individual who has been unemployed for 27 weeks aggregate within the past year.
Questions?
How Can We Partner with You?