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WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Fall 2017 WIOA Partners' Meeting
Hotel Hot Springs
Hot Springs, Arkansas
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EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE Discretionary Grants

ApprenticeshipUSA Grants

Discretionary Grant Programs

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



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Discretionary Grant Programs

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**



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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

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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



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ARKANSAS APPRENTICESHIP PATHWAY INITIATIVE (AAPI)

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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



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ARKANSAS APPRENTICESHIP PATHWAY INITIATIVE (AAPI)

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)



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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*



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ARKANSAS EXPANDS APPRENTICESHIP (AREA)

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)

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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



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ARKANSAS SECTOR PARTNERSHIP (ASP)

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.



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Questions?
**How Can We Partner
with You?**



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