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# **REPORT TO THE**

## **NEVADA STATE**

### **APPRENTICESHIP COUNCIL**

#### **3<sup>RD</sup> QUARTER**

THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO BRING YOU THIS UPDATE  
OF APPRENTICESHIP NEWS AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL.

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# OPEN FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

## Fostering Access, Rights, and Education (FARE) - FOA-WB-22-14

Link: [FOA-WB-22-14](#)

This funding opportunity will allow award recipients to undertake projects to assist marginalized and underserved women workers in understanding and accessing their employment rights, public services, and benefits. The grants will build on the successes of recent promising initiatives to enlist trusted messengers and community groups to reach working women, including but not limited to women of color, women with disabilities, justice-impacted women, individuals who identify as LGBTQ, marginalized workers in female-dominated sectors hard-hit by the pandemic, ethnic minorities, immigrants, workers with limited English proficiency, older adults, and workers experiencing intimate partner violence, substance abuse issues, homelessness, or chronic poverty. The grant **closing date is July 1, 2022**.

## FY22 Jobs Plus Initiative - FR-6600-N-14

Link: [FR-6600-N-14](#)

The Jobs Plus program – a grant opportunity via the Department of Housing and Urban Development - develops locally-based, job-driven approaches that increase earnings and advance employment outcomes through work readiness, employer linkages, job placement, educational advancement, technology skills, and financial literacy for residents of public housing. Ideally, the Jobs Plus Program will “saturate” the target public housing projects (AMPs) with information, services and incentives intended to support resident employment during the program and encourage continued resident employment beyond the end of the program cycle. It comprises these three core components: Employment-Related Services, Financial Incentives and Community Supports for Work. Applicants are encouraged to develop key partnerships to connect participants with any other needed services to remove barriers to work (such as registered apprenticeships). **Grant closing date is July 29, 2022**.

Other grant opportunities with potential apprenticeship advancement components include:

Link: <a href="#">USDA-NIFA-AFRI-009041</a>	AFRI Education and Workforce Development Program	AGENCY: USDA-NIFA	CLOSES: 10/27/2022
Link: <a href="#">FOA-ETA-22-02</a>	Strengthening Community Colleges Training Grants	AGENCY: DOL-ETA	CLOSES: 10/14/2022
Link: <a href="#">FOA-ETA-22-03</a>	Growth Opportunities Grant Program	AGENCY: DOL-ETA	CLOSES: 10/05/2022

# APPRENTICESHIP EVENTS & WEBINARS

If you would like to share future apprenticeship-related events with other Region 6 SAA's and OA-registered apprenticeship programs, email me at [pereira.corinna.i@dol.gov](mailto:pereira.corinna.i@dol.gov).

## **Expanding Access to Tech Through Registered Apprenticeships** **Wednesday, June 22; 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. PDT**

The Urban Institute is hosting a virtual discussion of lessons learned from a three-year project where it helped launch 1,800 apprenticeships and more than 20 new programs in the tech industry. Too many amazing guest speakers to list but they will all share what they learned about launching tech apprenticeship programs - including an innovative degree-based apprenticeship led by a consortium of historically Black colleges and universities - and discuss where the field is headed. Register here: <https://bit.ly/TechApprenticeshipAccess>

## **Leveraging Infrastructure Investment Job Act (IIJA) Funding for State Apprenticeship Expansion Grantees** **Wednesday, June 22; 12:00 p.m. PDT**

The Office of Apprenticeship and the U.S. Department of Transportation will share ways state apprenticeship expansion grantees may utilize IIJA funding to further Registered Apprenticeship expansion in the infrastructure sector. This webinar will raise awareness to state apprenticeship expansion grantees of current opportunities funded through IIJA that their state may benefit from leveraging in support of registered apprenticeship expansion efforts. This webinar is targeted toward state apprenticeship expansion grantees interested in learning about opportunities to align their current apprenticeship efforts to IIJA. [Register Now](#)

## **Prevailing Wage Seminar for Contractors** **September 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>**

The Wage & Hour Division will be hosting its next prevailing wage virtual seminar in September. *Davis Bacon Q&A* is on the 13<sup>th</sup> and *Service Contract Act Q&A* is on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Register here: <https://bit.ly/PrevailingWageSeptember2022>

## **Nevada Women in Trades Conference** **Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>**

The link is not out yet; but be sure and calendar this Las Vegas event because it is going to be packed with exceptional guest speakers, unforgettable discussions, and inspiring break-out sessions. Look for the flyer with registration information coming soon and check the website periodically at <https://nevadawit.org/>

## **Early Childhood Education Registered Apprenticeships Webinar**

The Administration for Children and Families Office of Early Childhood Development at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, in partnership with the U.S. Department of Labor, and the U.S. Department of Education, hosted a webinar highlighting opportunities and examples of successful approaches to leveraging apprenticeships to bolster the early care and education (ECE) workforce and address critical shortages. The webinar included information on federal technical assistance and financial resources available to support apprenticeships. A [recording](#) of the webinar is now available on the [ACF YouTube](#).

## NASTAD CONFERENCE

NASTAD is September 11 - 16 at the Norfolk Waterside Marriott located at 235 East Main St. Norfolk, Virginia. NASTAD President Todd Berch invites you to the Taste of the States (and Territories) on Tuesday evening and provide a food or beverage item native to your state. On Wednesday, the traditional Hall of Fame dinner will honor special contributors to Registered Apprenticeship in Virginia. Please email Trish Morrison at [patricia.morrison@doli.virginia.gov](mailto:patricia.morrison@doli.virginia.gov) to indicate your intent to attend and how many people will be attending from your state by June 17th to assist us for planning purposes. Book your group rate for NASTAD no later than the cut-off August 22, 2022 at <https://bit.ly/NASTADGroupRate>. I look forward to meeting you at NASTAD!

## ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON APPRENTICESHIP

The Advisory Committee on Apprenticeship (ACA) met on May 16, 2022. Over 1000 individuals were registered for the virtual meeting. Deputy Assistant Secretary of the U.S. Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration Suzy LeVine and Office of Apprenticeship Administrator John Ladd petitioned the reestablishment of the ACA Committee with expansion for up to 30 members. The member nomination period ended on June 3<sup>rd</sup> and final selection will take place later in the month of June. The ACA meeting summary, recording, and transcript is available for all to review at: <https://www.apprenticeship.gov/advisory-committee-apprenticeship/meetings>

## NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

### 8<sup>th</sup> Annual National Apprenticeship Week (NAW)

November 14<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022

It is never too early to start planning!

Register your NAW 2022 event at:

<https://www.apprenticeship.gov/national-apprenticeship-week/register-your-event>

## RAPIDS USERS' UPDATES

OA's RAPIDS technical team is committed to helping State Apprenticeship Agencies become more efficient. The launch of new tools within RAPIDS - such as Standards Builder, the Affirmative Action Plan creator, Salesforce Integration, Job Finder, Standards DocuSign, Completion Certificate Generator, and sponsor's Recruit Talent option - have been a huge hit for SAA's and program sponsors alike and is saving users a considerable amount of time. RAPIDS captures real-time apprenticeship program data state-by-state and throughout the U.S, a huge asset for all apprenticeship stakeholders for so many reasons. But best of all, RAPIDS is FREE – including all software updates, upgrades, and technical assistance!

If your organization isn't currently using RAPIDS for apprenticeship database management and would like a demo – contact Stephanie Schmitt at [Schmitt.stephanie@dol.gov](mailto:Schmitt.stephanie@dol.gov). SAA's can also reach out to Stephanie to join our bi-weekly RAPIDS Power User Group online meetings where you can learn about the latest RAPIDS enhancements, discuss development concerns, and report technical glitches. OA welcomes all SAA's to join the RAPIDS 2.0 transformation experience!

## INTERMEDIARY HIGHLIGHT OF THE QUARTER

### SAFAL PARTNERS

Safal Partners, a nationally registered apprenticeship program and recipient of the 2021 Registered Apprenticeship Technical Assistance Centers of Excellence grant, is enlisting new employers and/or employer partnerships representing IT and digital media occupations. Registered apprentice occupations include:

Cyber Security Support Technician  
Network Support Technician  
Desktop Support Technician  
Technical Sales Specialist  
Computer Systems Analyst  
Database Technician

Penetration Tester  
Digital Video Editor  
Software Engineer  
Digital Marketer  
Data Analyst  
IT Generalist  
... and more

The website is [www.safalpartners.com](http://www.safalpartners.com) and referrals can be directed to Lisa Rice at: [Lisa.rice@safalpartners.com](mailto:Lisa.rice@safalpartners.com) or 713-955-2727.

# CYBERSECURITY APPRENTICESHIP SPRINT

The approximate 500,000 vacancies in cyber positions constitute a national security risk and must be tackled aggressively. These are high-paying jobs that will improve the economy, secure our critical infrastructure, and advance our digital way of life. In response, OA is launching a 120-day Cybersecurity Apprenticeship Drive in late July in partnership with the White House Office of the National Cyber Director, and the Department of Commerce's (DOC) National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) to increase awareness of current successful Cybersecurity-related registered apprenticeship programs, partnerships, and initiatives and how they are helping industry train a skilled cybersecurity workforce to reduce cybersecurity risk. Additionally, the sprint will educate the public on the efforts DOL is taking to accelerate the process by helping employers to launch new apprenticeship programs, the recruitment of employers to explore RA and partner with DOL to help meet critical cybersecurity workforce needs of the Nation, and connect career seekers to cybersecurity apprenticeship opportunities. Look for more information coming to email inboxes soon!

# GOOD JOBS SUMMIT



Secretary of Labor Marty Walsh, Deputy Secretary Julie Su and the Families and Workers Fund gathered government, labor and workforce leaders for a Good Jobs Summit this week. The summit, which featured Secretary of Energy Jennifer Granholm, Rep. Bobby Scott, White House Infrastructure Implementation Coordinator Mitch Landrieu and others, highlighted government policies that empower working people. The Departments of Labor and Commerce also released Good Jobs Principles, outlining a path to advance quality jobs for all workers.

- [Read the Secretary's blog post on the Summit](#)
- [Watch the Good Jobs Summit](#)
- [Read the Good Jobs Principles](#)
- [Learn more about the Department of Labor's Good Jobs Initiative](#)

## MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY'S OFFICE

“Last year, we witnessed Congress pass the [Juneteenth National Independence Day Act](#), which officially designates Juneteenth as a national holiday. Juneteenth celebrates the events of June 19, 1865, the day on which enslaved Americans in Texas finally received word they were freed from bondage. Due to the distance the message of freedom had to travel and resistance to the overall concept of the freedom of African Americans that was rooted in institutional practices and attitudes toward slavery, these enslaved Americans were unaware of President Lincoln’s Emancipation Proclamation, which was issued in January 1863. Juneteenth was a pivotal moment in the history of this country and the history of African Americans. It is a day to celebrate the resilience, joy, and progress of those who were enslaved, as well as their descendants’ continued contributions to our nation. The observance of Juneteenth helps remind us of the need to ensure our messages of equality, fair pay, and safe working conditions are heard in all workplaces.”

Marty Walsh  
Secretary of Labor

## CONGRESSIONAL UPDATE

### NO RECENT UPDATES

The National Apprenticeship Act of 2021 (H.R.447) passed the House on February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021. On February 25, 2021, the bill was received in the Senate, read twice, and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. To date, there is no new movement. For more details about H.R. 447, stakeholders can review the [full text](#) or the bill’s [summary](#).

## REGULATORY AGENDA

The latest regulatory agenda offers a snapshot of the roadmap for the future: [Regulatory Agenda](#)

The Office of the Federal Register (OFR) published the Standards Recognition Entities (SREs) of Industry-Recognized Apprenticeship Programs (IRAPs) Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) on November 15, 2021. The NPRM proposes to rescind the U.S. Department of Labor’s (Department) regulation regarding SREs of IRAPs under 29 CFR part 29, subpart B and makes necessary conforming changes to the Department’s Registered Apprenticeship regulations currently under 29 CFR part 29, subpart A. The Department received comments through January 14, 2022 via [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). Read more about the [Proposed rule here](#).