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### Nebraska Receives \$4.5 Million to Expand Teacher Apprenticeship Program

*The following News Release is from the U.S. Department of Labor. Nebraska received \$4.5 Million through the competitive State Apprenticeship Expansion Formula grants to expand the Nebraska Teacher Apprenticeship Program.*

**WASHINGTON** – The Biden-Harris administration is today making the largest combined federal investment in Registered Apprenticeships as the Department of Labor awards more than \$244 million through two grant programs to help modernize, diversify and expand the Registered Apprenticeship system in growing U.S. industries.

The investments are part of the Biden-Harris administration's Investing in America agenda, which is rebuilding the middle class and increasing opportunities for underrepresented populations to enter in-demand occupations and careers that offer family-supporting wages. Acting Secretary Julie Su and White House Domestic Policy Advisor Neera Tanden announced the historic investments in Registered Apprenticeships today at the Pennsylvania College of Technology in Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

Nearly \$195 million will come through the second round of grant funding under the Apprenticeship Building America initiative, which supports public-private partnerships designed to serve a range of industries and individuals. The program will help expand the use of Registered Apprenticeships across in-demand fields, such as K-12 education, clean energy, IT and cybersecurity, advanced manufacturing, supply chain, hospitality, care economy and public-sector occupations.

The Biden-Harris administration is also awarding \$49 million through the second round of the competitive portion of the State Apprenticeship Expansion Formula grants to nine states. Since the start of the Biden-Harris administration, these investments and other efforts have resulted in more than 900,000 individuals having the opportunity to start an apprenticeship.

Together, today's investments will help build the skilled, diverse workforce needed to support President Biden's Investing in America agenda, including the Inflation Reduction Act, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and the CHIPS and Science Act, and reach communities across the country through 52 grantees located in 32 states.

"Today's historic investment in Registered Apprenticeships – the superhighways of our workforce infrastructure system – demonstrates the Biden-Harris administration's commitment to both America's workers and employers," said Acting Secretary of Labor Julie Su. "This award, totaling more than \$244 million, will help to expand, strengthen and diversify programs that aren't just one-offs – they create a pipeline of workers with in-demand skills, connecting them with good jobs that create real security for workers and their families. This interconnected system will help to ensure that all communities benefit from the jobs created by President Biden's Investing in America agenda."

The Apprenticeship Building America grants announced today include awards in the following categories:

- Ensuring Equitable Registered Apprenticeship Pathways and Partnerships Through Pre-Apprenticeship.
- Creation of Education System-aligned Pre-apprenticeship and Registered Apprenticeship Programs.
- Registered Apprenticeship Hubs.

Apprenticeship Building America grant recipients will partner with employers and other stakeholders to launch programs that offer workers, including those from underrepresented populations and underserved communities, access to high-quality training through pre-apprenticeships and Registered Apprenticeships. These investments will target industries identified in the Biden-Harris administration’s Investing in America agenda and help our nation implement the historic legislation passed by Congress and signed into law by President Biden.

In 2022, the department awarded \$171 million in grants through the program. Nearly \$730 million have now been invested to expand, modernize and diversify the use of Registered Apprenticeships.

To support states’ efforts as key partners in expanding the national Registered Apprenticeship system, \$49 million in grants will aid recipients in offering industries the expertise to expand and modernize Registered Apprenticeships to create and strengthen career pathways and opportunities for all workers to obtain good jobs with competitive wages. The competitive grants enable states to adopt proven strategies to expand their Registered Apprenticeship opportunities in key areas.

The competitive portion of the State Apprenticeship Expansion Formula Grants seek to do the following:

- Help states and territories advance Registered Apprenticeship as a talent development strategy and create post-secondary education career pathways that strengthen the nation’s workforce.
- Support statewide Registered Apprenticeship strategies to engage industry partners and meet skill demands across today’s growing industry sectors.
- Enable states and territories to build capacity to increase Registered Apprenticeship opportunities significantly for all American workers, including women, people of color, individuals with disabilities and other underserved communities.

Earlier this week, the department announced [the award of more than \\$39 million in base formula funding through the State Apprenticeship Expansion Formula grants.](#)

[Learn more about Registered Apprenticeship investments and initiatives.](#)

The department awarded the following Apprenticeship Building America grants:

Recipient	City	State	Amount
East Valley Institute of Technology	Mesa	AZ	\$6,000,000
NextGen Climate America Inc.	Sacramento	CA	\$5,999,999
The Arapahoe/Douglas Workforce Development Board	Centennial	CO	\$6,000,000
Activate Work Inc.	Denver	CO	\$3,843,966
CareerWise Colorado	Denver	CO	\$4,000,000
Vail Valley Works Inc.	Edwards	CO	\$1,662,779
UnidosUS	Washington	DC	\$4,000,000
Evara Health	Clearwater	FL	\$3,822,329
CommunityHealth IT Inc.	Kennedy Space Center	FL	\$4,000,000
Georgia Department of Education	Atlanta	GA	\$3,999,909
The Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois	Chicago	IL	\$3,795,200
Inter-Industry Conference on Auto Collision Repair	Hoffman Estates	IL	\$7,043,749
Illinois Foundation of SkillsUSA VICA	Pekin	IL	\$7,999,948
Western Kentucky University	Bowling Green	KY	\$1,323,733
National Performance for Education	Nicholasville	KY	\$4,000,000
For Providers by Providers Louisiana	New Orleans	LA	\$3,900,000
YouthForce NOLA	New Orleans	LA	\$4,000,000
University of Maryland Global Campus	Adelphi	MD	\$3,947,276

Baltimore Alliance for Careers in Healthcare Inc.	Baltimore	MD	\$3,882,946
Asian American Center of Frederick	Frederick	MD	\$3,990,486
Joe's Movement Emporium	Mount Rainier	MD	\$3,117,812
Amalgamated Transit Union	Silver Spring	MD	\$8,000,000
Center for Collaborative Education Inc.	Boston	MA	\$4,000,000
Berrien-Cass-Van Buren Workforce Development Board Inc.	Benton Harbor	MI	\$3,989,047
University of Southern Mississippi	Hattiesburg	MS	\$3,809,700
The Community College District of Jefferson County Missouri	Hillsboro	MO	\$3,995,671
Missouri Department of Higher Education & Workforce Development	Jefferson City	MO	\$4,000,000
Nevadaworks	Reno	NV	\$4,000,000
New Mexico Public Education Department	Santa Fe	NM	\$3,999,610
Npower Inc.	Brooklyn	NY	\$4,000,000
American Society of Mechanical Engineers Foundation, Inc.	New York	NY	\$3,975,420
MACNY – Callahan Management Training Center Inc.	Syracuse	NY	\$6,000,000
Family Health International 360	Durham	NC	\$8,000,000
North Carolina Business Committee for Education Inc.	Raleigh	NC	\$4,000,000
Workforce Development Board of Central Ohio	Columbus	OH	\$4,027,496
National Rural Water Association	Duncan	OK	\$7,631,873
Pennsylvania College of Technology	Williamsport	PA	\$4,000,000
Building Futures	Providence	RI	\$3,771,153
Vanderbilt University	Nashville	TN	\$2,324,851
Northern Virginia Community College	Annandale	VA	\$3,999,980
Hampton Roads Workforce Council	Norfolk	VA	\$6,000,000
Marshall University Research Corp.	Huntington	WV	\$7,103,847
Workforce Development Board of South Central Wisconsin Inc.	Madison	WI	\$4,000,000

The department awarded the following competitive State Apprenticeship Expansion Formula grants:

<b>Recipient</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development	Juneau	AK	\$5,285,678
State of Hawaii Department of Labor and Industrial Relations	Honolulu	HI	\$4,999,707
State of Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry	St. Paul	MN	\$4,700,000
Nebraska Department of Education	Lincoln	NE	\$4,500,000
New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions	Albuquerque	NM	\$5,949,885
Ohio Department of Job and Family Services	Columbus	OH	\$6,000,000
South Carolina State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education	Columbia	SC	\$6,000,000
Texas Workforce Commission	Austin	TX	\$6,000,000
Virginia Department of Workforce Development and Advancement	Richmond	VA	\$6,000,000

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