

PROJECT ABSTRACT

1. Lead Applicant Name:

Providence/Cranston Workforce Investment Board (WCWIB)

2. Lead Applicant City/State:

Providence, RI

3. Primary Partnership Entities:

WIA System, Education/Training Providers, Business-related Nonprofit Organization

4. Areas Served by Grant (by city, county, and state):

The 39 cities and town of Rhode Island to include all five counties

5. Total Funding Level Requested:

\$7,516,324

6. Project Name:

Rhode Island IT Career Solutions

7. Summary of Program Activities and List of Credentials to be Awarded:

In addition to outreach and recruitment activities, the program will include comprehensive participant assessment, supportive services, classroom skills training, on-the-job training (OJT), experiential learning, job placement and follow-up activity. The core program will include three rapid reemployment strategies which are 1) intensive coaching and other short-term services leading to direct job placement, 2) short or long-term skills training and 3) IT on Demand which includes a combination of soft skills and technical training. The strategies are designed to be flexible and evolve with the ever-changing technology industry. Most importantly, these strategies are designed to result in credentialing and employment in middle and high-skill jobs. Examples of credentials participants will receive include, but are not limited to; VMWare Certified Professional, CISCO Certified Networking Associate, Microsoft Certified Solutions Associate, Microsoft Certified Database Administrator, CompTIA Network +, CompTIA Security +, Project Management Professional

8. Populations to be Served:

Long-term unemployed and other unemployed individuals

9. Targeted H-1B Industry (s)/Occupations:

These include, but are not limited to; Computer Systems Analysts, Systems Software Developers, Database Specialists, and Network Administrators.

10. Required Employer Partner (s):

- AIPSO
- Amica Mutual Insurance
- Atrion Networking Corporation
- Atrion SMB
- Brave River Solutions
- Dassault Systemes Americas Corp
- GLAD WORKS
- GTECH
- Innovex
- NetCenergy
- OSHEAN
- Precision Design Studios
- Rhode Island Foundation
- Secure Future Tech Solutions
- Envision Technology Advisors

11. Additional Key Partner (s)

Workforce Investment System partners: Providence/Cranston Workforce Investment Board and the Workforce Partnership of Greater Rhode Island
Business-related nonprofit organization functioning as a workforce intermediary: Tech Collective
Education and training providers: Bryant University, New England Institute of Technology, New Horizons, Lincoln Technical Institute, Motoring Technical Training Institute
Optional partners: Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training Unemployment Insurance Division, Business Workforce Center and American Job Center Operator (netWORKri Career Resource Centers)

12. Public Contact Information:

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