

**Overview of the H-1B Technical Skills Training (TST) Grants  
Round One and Round Two Grant Awards  
Project Summaries**

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The U.S. Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration (ETA) issued a Solicitation for Grant Application (SGA) on May 2, 2011, announcing the availability of grant funding for the H-1B Technical Skills Training Grants. The H-1B grant program is intended to raise the technical skill levels of American workers so they can obtain or upgrade employment in high-growth industries and occupation. The H-1B grant program is designed to provide education, training, and job placement assistance in the occupations and industries for which employers are using H-1B visas to hire foreign workers, and related activities necessary to support such training. This technical skills training program was authorized under Section 414 (c) of the American Competitiveness and Workforce Improvement Act of 1998 (ACWIA), as amended (29 USC 2916a).

The Department made awards to two types of training grants: those that provide On-the-Job Training (OJT) to all participants and those that use other training strategies. Of the awards granted through this Solicitation, at least \$163 million was awarded to grantees that provide OJT to all participants. Between the two types of grants awarded (OJT and other training strategies), DOL funded more than \$200 million to applicants that serve long-term unemployed individuals.

Grants were awarded to partnerships of private and public sector entities, which may include: business-related nonprofit organizations, such as trade associations; education and training providers, including community colleges and community-based organizations; and entities involved in administering the workforce investment system established under Title I of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (WIA) and economic development agencies. Additional partners that reflect the character and resources of the local or regional economy were strongly encouraged.

**Grantee Summaries**

- H-1B TST Round 1: Thirty-six (36) awards announced on October 4, 2011, totaling \$159,266,650.
- H-1B TST Round 2: Forty-three (43) awards announced on February 22, 2012, totaling \$183,339,241.

## H-1B Technical Skills Training – Round 1

<b>Applicant Name:</b>	Able-Disabled Advocacy, Inc.
<b>Project Description:</b>	TechWORKS will offer Information Technology Training in San Diego’s high-growth computer and software services and medical services (Healthcare) industries to 340 economically disadvantaged residents. TechWORKS will utilize a hybrid of other training strategies that consists of Technology-Based Learning (TBL) combined with face-to-face academic intervention. Career options include but are not limited to: Computer and Network Support Specialists (A+ and Net+); Desktop Support Technicians (MCP); Information Assurance (Security) Specialists; Database and Systems Administrators; Project Managers; Healthcare Technicians; and Medical Support Staff.
<b>Grant award amount:</b>	\$3,047,634
<b>Populations to be served:</b>	Long-term unemployed (80%) and incumbent workers (20%)
<b>Proposed outcomes:</b>	340 participants served and beginning education/training activities; 290 participants (85%) completing training; 261 (90%) achieving credentials; 218 (75%) entering employment; 185 (85% of placed participants) retaining employment
<b>Key Partners:</b>	San Diego Futures Foundation; Alliant International University; San Diego Workforce Partnership; Arbor Industries South County Career Center; South County Economic Development Council; the Department of Rehabilitation
<b>Location of Grant activities:</b>	San Diego County, CA
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<b>Applicant Name:</b>	American Indian Opportunities Industrialization Center (AIOIC)
<b>Project Description:</b>	American Indian Opportunities Industrialization Center (AIOIC) will develop certified, short-term training programs and job placement services for long-term unemployed individuals from Minneapolis and the surrounding area. The High Demand Careers program is focused on providing short-term training in two high-demand occupations – Computer Support and Public Relations Specialist in both the health care and business industries which are occupations for which employer currently seek H-1B visas. Accredited training programs will be developed utilizing the expertise of employment partners who will review course curriculum and delivery to ensure alignment with industry needs. Core training programs in Computer Support or Public Relations Specialist will be completed in 9 months. Advance programs for Computer Support Specialist will consist of areas of specialty including: 1) health care data security; 2) health care technical/software support; 3) health care implementation support; 4) social media; and 5) Microsoft certification preparation which can be completed in 3-6 months. Advanced training for Public Relations Specialist can be completed within 3 months as well.
<b>Grant award amount:</b>	\$5,000,000
<b>Populations to be served:</b>	Long-term unemployed
<b>Proposed outcomes:</b>	1600 served, 1360 enrolled in education/training, 1126 complete education/training, 1126 receive 1 or more credentials, 957 enter unsubsidized employment, 813 retained two quarters after placement, \$41,600 average wage at placement
<b>Key Partners:</b>	Minneapolis Employment Council, Minneapolis Workforce Center, Select Source International, Fairview Health Services, Coordinated Business Systems, Peter Hill Design and the Ojibwe Tribes of Leech Lake, White Earth, Bois Forte and Mille Lacs
<b>Location of Grant activities:</b>	Minneapolis, MN
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<b>Applicant Name:</b>	Atlanta Technical College (ATC)
<b>Project Description:</b>	The Bioscience/Biotechnology Industry Training program at Atlanta Technical College (ATC) will offer participants short-term (6-month, 1-year and 2-year) training in bioscience fields where they can easily attain industry recognized credentials and skills that can be easily transferred. The proposed training will lead to Technical Certificates of Credit (TCCs), Diplomas, and Associate Degrees. These industry-recognized credentials will result in employment in the bioscience/biotechnology industry as Biotechnology Technicians (including Biofuel and Bioagricultural technicians), Clinical Laboratory Technicians (including Phlebotomists), Forensic Science Technicians and Pharmacy Technicians. The project will employ the following training strategies to support each component of the H-1B technical skills training program: classroom occupational training, contextualized learning and distance learning, and incumbent worker training.
<b>Grant award amount:</b>	\$4,840,025
<b>Populations to be served:</b>	Unemployed, under-employed
<b>Proposed outcomes:</b>	450 participants served & beginning education/training activities; 337 participants completing education/training activities; 337 participants receiving a degree or other credential; each participant expected to receive 3 credentials each (technical certificate of credit, diploma, Assoc degree); 270 participants entering unsubsidized employment; 229 participants retaining unsubsidized employment in the 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> quarters following initial placement; \$38,700/yr average wage earned at placement.
<b>Key Partners:</b>	The Atlanta Workforce Development Agency (AWDA); The Center for Working Families; Dendreon; Quintiles; Porex
<b>Location of Grant activities:</b>	Atlanta, GA, Fulton and north Clayton Counties
<b>Contact Information:</b>	Mr. Rodney Ellis, Exec VP Atlanta Technical College 404-225-4608 rellis@atlantatech.edu

<b>Applicant Name:</b>	California Manufacturers and Technology Association
<b>Project Description:</b>	California IT & Advanced Manufacturing Career Pathways (CIAMCP) project will offer 3,092 workers certification and/or industry credentials in information technology and advanced manufacturing to up-skill and advance incumbent workers climbing a successful career pathway, as well as re-employ displaced workers by providing skills to demonstrate proficiency in rapidly changing, globally competitive technology fields. The project will include incumbent worker training.
<b>Grant award amount:</b>	\$5,000,000
<b>Populations to be served:</b>	Incumbent, unemployed
<b>Proposed outcomes:</b>	<p><u>Unemployed:</u> 500 participants served, 375 participants beginning education/training activities; 340 participants completing education/training activities; 325 participants receiving a degree or other credential (2-5 per participant); 320 participants entering unsubsidized employment; 300 participants retaining unsubsidized employment in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarters following initial placement; \$24/hr average wage earned at placement.</p> <p><u>Employed/incumbent:</u> 2,592 participants served &amp; beginning education/training activities; 2,592 participants completing education/training activities; 2,592 participants receiving a degrees or other credential (2 each); 2,567 participants retaining unsubsidized employment in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarters following initial placement; \$44/hr average wage earned at placement.</p>
<b>Key Partners:</b>	El Camino College; Cerritos College; North Orange County CCD; Centers for Applied Competitive Technology; Pacific Gateway Workforce Investment Network; IBM; Lockheed Martin; Edwards Lifesciences
<b>Location of Grant activities:</b>	Sacramento, California; Los Angeles, Sacramento, North Orange counties
<b>Contact Information:</b>	Rob Sanger California Manufacturers & Tech Association 916-498-3333 (office) rsanger@cmta.net

<b>Applicant Name:</b>	Capital Area Michigan Works!
<b>Project Description:</b>	The Tech Knowledge E-Pathways Project will focus on advancing participants along an IT career pathway that will include: shorter-term, technical skills training (3-day instructor led or 8 week on-line) for “Essentials of Software Testing” followed by the (8-week on-line) ISTQB Software Testing available through LCC/BCI; proposed (12-20 credit) Software Tester Certificate of Completion program through LCC; a revamped 2-year Computer Programmer Analyst Associate degree program at LCC (with new emphasis on software testing concepts); an expanded 2-year Computer Science Associates degree (transfer) program at LCC that utilizes a cohort model; and existing Computer Science Bachelors degree programs at Michigan State University (MSU) and other 4-year institutions. The project will also utilize supplemental instruction, academic bridge services, career fair type events, paid work experiences/internships and other supportive services for helping place program participants into related employment and/or experiential opportunities.
<b>Grant award amount:</b>	\$4,437,841
<b>Populations to be served:</b>	Long-term unemployed, underemployed
<b>Proposed outcomes:</b>	350 participants served, 310 beginning education/training activities; 177 participants completing education/training activities; 177 participants receiving a degree or other credential (1-2 each); 160 participants entering unsubsidized employment; 132 participants retaining unsubsidized employment in the 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> quarters following initial placement; \$20-28/hr average wage earned at placement.
<b>Key Partners:</b>	Capital Area Michigan Works!; Lansing Community College; A.J. Boggs & Company; Gravity Works Design & Development; Jadian Enterprises; MESSA; Providence Consulting; Spartan Internet Consulting; Strategic Products & Services; TechSmith Corporation; Capital Area IT Council; LEAP, Inc.; Prima Civitas Foundation
<b>Location of Grant activities:</b>	Lansing, MI: Eaton, Clinton, and Ingham counties
<b>Contact Information:</b>	Edythe (Edee) Hatter-Williams Chief Operating Officer/EO Officer Capital Area Michigan Works! 517.492.5504 ehatter-williams@camw.net

<b>Applicant Name:</b>	Capital Workforce Partners (CWP)
<b>Project Description:</b>	<p>New England Knowledge Corridor Health Careers Project (HCP) will assist unemployed workers' transition to practice in targeted healthcare careers through a combination of occupational training resulting in industry-recognized credentials and on-the-job training (OJT) to provide clinical and technical skills and work experience. The HCP will provide additional supports (e.g., assessment, career counseling, and job placement). HCP training strategies will provide education and training for jobs that are currently available, projected to add large numbers of new jobs to the regional economy, and being transformed by technology and innovation. Specific HCP training strategies include: a) Upgrade the skills and competencies of RNs and increase their attachment to the workforce by providing OJT, classroom training, specialty credentialing, and in some cases, access to Bachelor of Science in Nursing degrees; b) Prepare unemployed IT and insurance industry professionals for inpatient and outpatient Medical Coding careers through OJT and occupational training and related credentials; and c) Provide OJT and Health IT training and credentials to unemployed IT and insurance industry professionals. The HCP will leverage the Knowledge Corridor's educational assets, existing training programs, and interstate connections to develop credentialed occupational training programs that produce the highly-skilled workers employers need. The HCP will: a) develop a curriculum to produce Medical Coders with the new skill sets and credentials employers need; and b) create and accredit a Health IT program that produces workers with the skills and credentials needed by employers.</p>
<b>Grant award amount:</b>	\$4,986,817
<b>Populations to be served:</b>	Long-term unemployed
<b>Proposed outcomes:</b>	<p>220 participants served, 170 participants beginning education/training activities; 145 participants completing education/training activities; 135 participants receiving a degree or other credential (1 or more each); 130 participants entering unsubsidized employment; 120 participants retaining unsubsidized employment; \$25,695/yr average wage earned at placement.</p>
<b>Key Partners:</b>	<p>Charter Oak State College; Asnuntuck Community College; Capital Community College; Springfield Technical Community College; UMass Amherst; Saint Francis Hospital; Cooley-Dickinson Hospital; Genesis Health</p>

	Care/Heritage Hall North; Baystate Medical Center; Eastern CT Health Network, Hartford Hospital; VNA Health Care; Hartford-Springfield Economic Partnership
<b>Location of Grant activities:</b>	Hartford, CT and Springfield, MA
<b>Contact Information:</b>	Pamela Tonello Industry Sector Coordinator Capital Workforce Partners 860.899.3495 Ptonello@capitalworkforce.org

<b>Applicant Name:</b>	Catholic University of America
<b>Project Description:</b>	<p>The DC Health Information Technology (Hit<sup>4</sup> initiative) provides a full range of education and training programs to Washington, D.C. area workers, focusing on strengthening HIT skills in high H-1B visa occupations and upgrading the IT skills of incumbent health care workers, particularly those related to electronic health records (E-HR). Students may participate in health information technology education and training at one of the following four levels:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Master of Science in Information Technology (M.S.I.T.), Health IT</li> <li>• Bachelors of Arts in Information Technology (B.A.I.T.), Health IT</li> <li>• Certificate in Health Information Technology</li> <li>• Customized health information technology training, including job-saving skills related to federally-mandated Electronic Health Records</li> </ul>
<b>Grant award amount:</b>	\$4,175,500
<b>Populations to be served:</b>	Incumbent, unemployed
<b>Proposed outcomes:</b>	<u>Employed/incumbent:</u> 2,298 participants served & beginning education/training activities; 2,069 participants completing education/training activities; 2,069 participants receiving a degree or other credential; 2,069 participants entering unsubsidized employment; 2,069 participants retaining unsubsidized employment in the 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> quarters following initial placement; base wage + 10% average wage earned at placement.
<b>Key Partners:</b>	Center for Urban Progress; Howard University; D.C. Department of Employment Services; D.C. Workforce Investment Council; Holy Cross Hospital; Providence Hospital; Children’s National Medical Center; Sibley Memorial Hospital
<b>Location of Grant activities:</b>	Washington, D.C.
<b>Contact Information:</b>	Dr. Sara Thompson, Dean Catholic University of America Metropolitan School of Professional Studies Thompson@cua.edu 202.319.5256

<b>Applicant Name:</b>	Central Pennsylvania Workforce Development Corporation (CPWDC)
<b>Project Description:</b>	<p>The “Growing STEM Talent in Central Pennsylvania” project will use classroom-based training strategies in order to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advance 200 individuals (75% long-term unemployed) with some college and/or a degree along STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, &amp; Mathematics) career pathways through acquisition of additional credentials or degrees;</li> <li>• Aid companies in identifying their greatest areas of exposure caused by lack/loss of talent and execute a plan to develop that talent internally; and</li> <li>• Grow talent in occupations essential to advanced manufacturing, health care and natural gas.</li> </ul> <p>Career Coaches, strategically located throughout the nine-county region, will recruit, assess, support and place 170 long-term unemployed and adult participants who will receive scholarships for advanced degrees or credentials. With the help of a national workforce consultant, employers will evaluate their internal workforce, identify talent risks and identify 30 incumbent workers to participate in training to move into critical positions.</p>
<b>Grant award amount:</b>	\$3,045,533
<b>Populations to be served:</b>	Long-Term Unemployed (>75%), Incumbent Workers (>15%), Other Adults (<10%)
<b>Proposed outcomes:</b>	<p><u>Unemployed</u>: 173 participants served, 150 participants beginning education/training activities; 117 participants completing education/training activities; 117 participants receiving a degree or other credential (1 each); 88 participants entering unsubsidized employment; 80 participants retaining unsubsidized employment in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarters following initial placement; \$51,760/yr average wage earned at placement.</p> <p><u>Incumbent</u>: 58 participants served, 50 participants beginning education/training activities; 40 participants completing education/training activities; 40 participants receiving a degree or other credential (1 each); 37 participants retaining unsubsidized employment in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarters following initial placement; \$59,155/yr average wage earned at placement.</p>
<b>Key Partners:</b>	Bloomsburg University; Pennsylvania College of Technology; Columbia Montour Chamber of Commerce; Greater Susquehanna Valley Chamber of Commerce; Columbia-Montour Alliance for Economic

	Growth; Geisinger Health System
<b>Location of Grant activities:</b>	Lewisburg, PA; Centre, Clinton, Columbia, Lycoming, Mifflin, Montour, Northumberland, Snyder and Union Counties
<b>Contact Information:</b>	Shannon Miller, Exec Director Central Pennsylvania Workforce Development Corporation smiller@cpwdc.org www.cpwdc.org 570.522.0600

<b>Applicant Name:</b>	City of Santa Ana
<b>Project Description:</b>	Orange County Bridge to Engineering (OC B2E) project will provide intensive, cohort-based learning communities that will increase the participation of under-represented minorities and women in engineering and increase the supply of qualified engineers in Orange County. OC B2E combines OJT opportunities in engineering for all participants with intensive academic coursework, dedicated support and mentoring, and a replicable, accelerated bridging curriculum to ensure that unemployed adults can succeed in engineering required math and science courses within nine months of enrollment.
<b>Grant award amount:</b>	\$4,997,479
<b>Populations to be served:</b>	Unemployed
<b>Proposed outcomes:</b>	290 participants served & beginning education/training activities; 210 participants completing education/training activities; 210 participants receiving a degree or other credential (2 each); 290 participants entering unsubsidized employment; 140 participants retaining unsubsidized employment in the 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> quarters following initial placement; 115 participants entering training-related unsubsidized employment; 170 participants enrolling in further education on the same career pathway.
<b>Key Partners:</b>	Saddleback (SB) and Santa Ana (SAC) Community Colleges; California State University Fullerton (CSUF); University of California Irvine (UCI); OCTANe and Autodesk Manufacturers Users Group of Orange County; Santa Ana Workforce Investment Board (WIB)
<b>Location of Grant activities:</b>	Santa Ana, CA; Orange County
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<b>Applicant Name:</b>	Coastal Counties Workforce, Inc.
<b>Project Description:</b>	Midcoast TOPS (Technology Occupations Through Pathway Strategies) will provide a combination of on-the-job training (OJT) to 300 participants and classroom training for those participants who have a need identified in an individual service plan, providing them with the knowledge, skills and credentials to be hired on by area businesses in occupations for which employers typically seek H-1B visas. Targeted occupations include Advanced Manufacturing, Composite Technology and Information Technology.
<b>Grant award amount:</b>	\$4,999,858
<b>Populations to be served:</b>	Unemployed
<b>Proposed outcomes:</b>	300 participants served & beginning education/training activities; 270 participants completing education/training activities; 60 participants receiving a degree or other credential; 270 participants entering unsubsidized employment; 240 participants retaining unsubsidized employment in the 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> quarters following initial placement.
<b>Key Partners:</b>	Southern Midcoast Maine Chamber; Southern Maine Community College; Women, Work, & Community; Goodwill Industries of Northern New England; Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority; Kestrel Aircraft, Resilient Communications; Mölnlycke Health Care
<b>Location of Grant activities:</b>	Brunswick, Maine; Cumberland County
<b>Contact Information:</b>	Mr. Michael Bourret, Executive Director Coastal Counties Workforce, Inc. 207.725.5472 director@coastalcounties.org

<b>Applicant Name:</b>	Colorado Department of Labor and Employment
<b>Project Description:</b>	<p>The “Strategies to Advance Colorado’s Highly Skilled Workforce” proposal will utilize other training (not On-the-Job Training) to provide the necessary skills and competencies for employment in the targeted occupations: information technology, advanced manufacturing, and STEM (Aerospace).</p> <p><u>Training Strategies for Incumbent Workers:</u> Industry-identified skill upgrade training will be provided through classroom training and customized training strategies, both on-site at local training institutions, and through online and distance learning. These training options will be short-term certificate programs in most cases, but in limited instances may involve longer-term degree completion coursework.</p> <p><u>Training Strategies for Long-term Unemployed:</u> Training options will include both classroom and online industry-identified, skill upgrade customized training courses leading to certificates, plus longer-term degree completion programs. In addition, paid work experiences will be offered to participants who would benefit from on-the-job exposure to updated industry technology.</p>
<b>Grant award amount:</b>	\$5,000,000
<b>Populations to be served:</b>	Incumbent workers, unemployed/long-term unemployed individuals
<b>Proposed outcomes:</b>	<p><b>Incumbent:</b> 558 total served; 558 beginning education/training; 530 (90%) completing education/training, 530 receiving one (1) degree or other higher credential; 530 (100% of education/training completers) entering unsubsidized employment; 504 (95% of those placed) retaining unsubsidized employment in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarters after initial placement; \$79,200/yr average wage earned at placement</p> <p><b>Long-term unemployed:</b> 239 total served; 239 beginning education/training; 206 (86%) completing education/training; 206 receiving one (1) degree or other higher credential; 177 (86% of education/training completers) entering unsubsidized employment; 152 (86% of those placed) retaining unsubsidized employment in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarters after initial placement; \$63,280/yr average wage earned at placement</p>
<b>Key Partners:</b>	Colorado’s Workforce Dev. Council; Arapahoe/Douglas Works! Workforce Ctr, Office of Economic Dev – Denver Workforce Ctr; Workforce Boulder County, Larimer County Workforce Ctr; Pikes Peak Workforce Ctr; Weld County Department of Human Services – Div of Employment

	Services of Weld County; CO Rural Workforce Consortium, CO State VETS Program; Dept of Higher Education; Women’s College of the University of Denver; CO Comm College System; CO Space Coalition/Metro Denver Econ. Dev. Corp.; Longmont Area Econ. Council; Boulder Econ. Council; Southeast Business Partnership; CO Assoc. for Manufacturing and Tech.; CO Photonics Industry Assoc.; Coolest Women We Know; CO Coalition for Gender in Information Tech.; CO Cleantech Industry Assoc.; CO Office of Econ. Dev. & Internat’l Trade; CO Dept. of Human Services
<b>Location of Grant activities:</b>	State of Colorado
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<b>Applicant Name:</b>	Cuyahoga Community College District
<b>Project Description:</b>	The H-1B grant project – “Increasing Credentials and Competencies of Long-Term Dislocated Workers for Employment” – is designed to fill workforce shortages in IT network and Health Information Technology (HIT) occupations. The Network Professional training program is made up of 200 classroom/lab hours and an additional 160 hour internship component. It is designed using a progressive career ladder framework resulting in three national industry-recognized credentials: CompTIA A+ Certified Technician, Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA), and Cisco Certified Network Associate Wireless (CCNA Wireless). Participants in HIT career pathway will choose between specialized training for Implementation Support Specialists or Technical Software/Support Specialists. Both tracks require about 330 classroom hours and will be supplemented with a 160-hour internship experience. Upon completion, participants will be prepared to take role-based competency exams and earn a regionally recognized certificate.
<b>Grant award amount:</b>	\$4,084,007
<b>Populations to be served:</b>	Long-term unemployed (>75%), unemployed (<25%)
<b>Proposed outcomes:</b>	680 total trainees served; 86% will complete training; 84% will gain a credential; 70% will enter employment; 65% will be retained after 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter following initial placement; \$26.49/hr wage earned upon program completion and placement.
<b>Key Partners:</b>	Council of Smaller Enterprises (COSE); Employment Connection
<b>Location of Grant activities:</b>	Cleveland, OH
<b>Contact Information:</b>	Susan Muha, Exec VP Workforce & Econ Dev Division Cuyahoga Community College 216.987.3110 susa.muha@tri-c.edu

<b>Applicant Name:</b>	Florida Manufacturing Extension Partnership
<b>Project Description:</b>	The Skilled American Workers Program is a multi-phased training program that specifically positions workers whose occupations are often filled by H-1B visa holders. The program’s simulated training is custom-designed to meet individual employer requirements for both employee skills and equipment operation. The training results in certification for the trainee and potential for career transition and advancement, and it brings the right workforce to the employer, eliminating the need to bring in foreign workers. The Skilled American Workers program will 1) work with local high-tech and advanced manufacturing companies to identify skills that they need to create a responsive and competitive workforce; 2) identify which occupations demonstrate the greatest need for additional trained workers; 3) train unemployed, underemployed and transitioning workers to establish “new” career pathways through application of mobile technical skills training and simulation training using novel virtual simulation software; and 4) provide on-the-job training to ensure employment success.
<b>Grant award amount:</b>	\$4,941,552
<b>Populations to be served:</b>	Long-term unemployed, unemployed, and underemployed workers
<b>Proposed outcomes:</b>	400 participants served/assessed; 234 participants beginning education/training activities; 210 participants completing education/training activities; 200 participants receiving 1-2 degree/credentials; 200 participants entering unsubsidized employment; 180 participants retaining unsubsidized employment in the 1 <sup>st</sup> quarter; 153 participants retaining unsubsidized employment in the 2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter; \$58,497/yr average wage earned at placement.
<b>Key Partners:</b>	Brevard Workforce Development Board; Economic Development Commission of Florida’s Space Coast; Florida Institute of Technology; Employ Florida Banner Center
<b>Location of Grant activities:</b>	Florida counties: Alachua, Brevard, Citrus, DeSoto, Flagler, Hardee, Highlands, Hillsborough, Hernando, Lake, Levy, Manatee, Marion, Orange, Osceola, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, Putnam, Sarasota, Sumter, Volusia
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<b>Applicant Name:</b>	Alachua Bradford Regional Workforce Board dba FloridaWorks
<b>Project Description:</b>	FloridaWorks will provide On-the-Job-Training (OJT) to long-term unemployed workers as well as preparing these individuals with short-term specialized skills upgrading in order to build a knowledge and competency base that will complement OJT opportunities. The scheduled timeframe for OJT activities will be for a period of three to six months, and will depend on the complexity of each position's responsibilities. Activities to be provided include: recruitment and contracting with employers to provide OJT training, recruitment and assessment of OJT candidates, enrollment of candidates in short- or medium-term vocational training, provision of case management to ensure each training opportunity is on track, program evaluation, development of strategies with industry cluster organizations to identify gaps in vocational training and ultimately to produce industry-recognized credentials, development of a trainee-mentoring program, tracking completion of training and successful career placements, and providing follow-up to employers and trainees to assess post-program needs and support.
<b>Grant award amount:</b>	\$4,947,404
<b>Populations to be served:</b>	Unemployed workers, 75% of which will be long-term unemployed
<b>Proposed outcomes:</b>	264 participants served & beginning education/training activities; 211 participants completing education/training activities; 180 participants receiving a degree or credential; 165 participants entering unsubsidized employment; 155 participants retaining unsubsidized employment in the 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> quarters following initial placement; \$17.00 average wage earned at placement
<b>Key Partners:</b>	Gainesville Chamber of Commerce; North Florida Regional Chamber of Commerce; Santa Fe College; University of Florida (UF) Office of Research Center of Excellence for Regenerative Health Biotechnology; Shands Healthcare; North Florida Regional Medical Center; AvMed Health Plans, RTI Biologics; Axogen; ABC Research; Applied Food Technologies
<b>Location of Grant activities:</b>	Gainesville, Florida, Alachua & Bradford counties
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<b>Applicant Name:</b>	Gateway Community and Technical College																		
<b>Project Description:</b>	<p>Gateway’s Innovative Pathways in Technology and eLearning Careers (IPTEC) project will target in-demand occupations in the IT industry by expanding the capacity of Gateway’s existing IT program and creating a new program in Instructional Design. The IPTEC Project has six primary objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop comprehensive career pathway with existing Associate in Applied Science (AAS) program in Information Technology, including embedded certificates.</li> <li>• Develop curriculum, and associated career pathway, for a new Associate in Applied Science (AAS) program in Instructional Design and Technology with embedded short term certificates.</li> <li>• Develop comprehensive solution for development and delivery of course/program content through the use of distance education (eLearning) technology.</li> <li>• Develop a comprehensive “Center for Advanced Technology”-model to create a one-stop location for the entire career pathway in Information Technology / Instructional Design.</li> <li>• Develop comprehensive support services for students from access/entry through employment/transfer.</li> <li>• Develop comprehensive student bridge program to bring entering students up to college level standards in an accelerated, yet flexible period of time.</li> </ul>																		
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<b>Key Partners:</b>	Northern Kentucky Workforce Investment Board; TIER 1 Performance Solutions																		
<b>Location of Grant activities:</b>	Covington, KY																		
<b>Contact Information:</b>	<p>Dr. Patricia Goodman  Project Administrator  Gateway Community and Technical College  patricia.goodman@kctcs.edu</p>																		

<b>Applicant Name:</b>	Greater Peninsula Workforce Development Consortium
<b>Project Description:</b>	<p>The Hampton Roads Healthcare Workforce Partnership (HR-HWP) will provide education, training and job placement assistance in the healthcare occupations for which employers are using H-1B visas to hire foreign workers and to do so in such a way as to help participants become reemployed as quickly as possible. The overall goal is to provide the appropriate educational opportunities that will lead to a rewarding career in the growing and in-demand field of healthcare, thus reducing the need of the employer partners to utilize H-1B visas.</p> <p>The project will be to refine and adapt best practices for training and preparing the future healthcare workforce into a new multi-path system that will: 1) target the knowledge, skills and abilities in-demand by employers; 2) support career pathways that position individuals for advanced employment opportunities; 3) result in industry recognized portable credentials and degrees; 4) synchronize the provision of support services with classroom and clinical training activities; and 5) offer multiple avenues for entering the system so as to insure program accessibility for targeted populations.</p>
<b>Grant award amount:</b>	\$5,000,000
<b>Populations to be served:</b>	Unemployed and dislocated workers
<b>Proposed outcomes:</b>	332 participants will be served and begin education / training activities; 249 will complete education/training activities; 188 will receive a credential; 212 will complete education/training activities and begin unsubsidized employment; 138 will retain employment after two quarters; the average wage at placement will be \$42,848
<b>Key Partners:</b>	Tidewater Community College; Thomas Nelson Community College; Paul D. Camp Community College; Eastern Virginia Medical School; Hampton University; Norfolk State University; Old Dominion University; Greater Peninsula Workforce Investment Board; Hampton Roads Workforce Development Board (Opportunity Inc. of Hampton Roads); Bon Secours Health System; Chesapeake Regional Medical Center; Riverside Health System; Sentara Health Systems
<b>Location of Grant activities:</b>	Newport News, VA
<b>Contact Information:</b>	William H. Mann, Jr. Executive Director Greater Peninsula Workforce Consortium 757.826.3327 wmann@nngov.com

<b>Applicant Name:</b>	Johnson County Community College (JCCC)
<b>Project Description:</b>	Kansas Health Information Systems Training Network increases the infrastructure and expands the training capacity of JCCC by: 1) developing and sustaining a statewide training network (Kansas Health Information Systems Training Network), 2) training underemployed workers with updated job skills and unemployed/displaced workers with new skills to enter the HIT systems career pathway, and 3) providing job placement assistance in the HIT systems occupations in partnership with Hutchinson Community College in Hutchinson, Kansas, and the five Workforce Investment Boards in Kansas. Grant funding will also allow JCCC to expand its HITECH offerings to include two additional roles (Implementation Support Specialist and Trainer) and to supplement individual skill gaps with stackable credentials, such as, but not limited to, ICD-10, HL7, C++, Cyber-Security, Interface design and soft skill/workplace skill development.
<b>Grant award amount:</b>	\$2,897,418
<b>Populations to be served:</b>	Unemployed workers, underemployed workers
<b>Proposed outcomes:</b>	400 participants will be served, 400 will enter education/training, 380 will complete education/training (95%), 380 will obtain a credential, 371 who complete training will enter unsubsidized employment, 340 will be retained after 2 quarters.
<b>Key Partners:</b>	Hutchinson Community College in Hutchinson, Kansas; the five Workforce Investment Boards in the State of Kansas
<b>Location of Grant activities:</b>	Overland Park, Kansas
<b>Contact Information:</b>	Workforce, Community, and Economic Development Johnson County Community College dmcgrat1@jccc.edu 913-469-2323

<b>Applicant Name:</b>	Kansas Department of Commerce
<b>Project Description:</b>	The Kansas H-1B Technical Skills Training Project will provide OJT opportunities to participants throughout the state in engineering occupations, including telecommunications, broadband deployment and advanced manufacturing. Key program activities include: outreach, recruitment, assessment, case management, provision of supportive services, OJT development and placement, OJT training and OJT monitoring. Working closely with existing Commerce staff, the Project Manager will develop and oversee OJT opportunities with the consortium of employer partners and other employer partners brought on throughout the grant period of performance. Eligible participants will be placed into OJTs with these partners with the expectation that full-time employment will continue once grant-support on-the-job training is complete.
<b>Grant award amount:</b>	\$4,998,066
<b>Populations to be served:</b>	Dislocated and unemployed workers
<b>Proposed outcomes:</b>	168 total served and beginning education /training activities; 153 total complete education/training and receive a degree or other credential; 153 complete education/training and enter unsubsidized employment; 145 retained for the first two quarters; \$28.85 average wage at placement
<b>Key Partners:</b>	Black & Veatch; Garmin; Sprint Nextel; George Butler & Associates; Kiewit Power Engineers, Co.; Terracon; Landoll Manufacturing; Wenger Manufacturing, Inc.; AGCO; Detroit Diesel Remanufacturing Central; Great Plains Gas Compression, Inc.
<b>Location of Grant activities:</b>	Topeka, KS
<b>Contact Information:</b>	Susan Weidenbach, Manager Adult and Youth Services Kansas Department of Commerce Workforce Services Division 785.296.7842 sweidenbach@kansascommerce.com

<b>Applicant Name:</b>	Managed Career Solutions (MCS), Inc.
<b>Project Description:</b>	Managed Career Solutions (MCS), Inc. proposes to expand and enhance its Los Angeles HealthWorks Initiative through development of Healthcare, Allied Health and Health Information Technology On-the-Job Training (OJT) activities. Participants will attain the required skill sets and competencies appropriate to each targeted occupation by completing a prescribed OJT opportunity. Participants will enter the HealthWORKS program with the requisite degree and credentials, and will develop the skills and competencies required of each targeted occupation. With the exception of Registered Nurse enrollees, all of whom will complete a prescribed OJT, the education and training strategies that will be developed and implemented through each OJT will vary based on the needs of each partner employer.
<b>Grant award amount:</b>	\$5,000,000
<b>Populations to be served:</b>	Long-term unemployed participants
<b>Proposed outcomes:</b>	1200 Total participants served; 800 participants beginning education/training activities; 680 completing education/training; 680 receive one (1) degree or other credential; 640 expected to retain unsubsidized employment in the 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> quarters following initial placement
<b>Key Partners:</b>	The Hospital Association of Southern California; Los Angeles Community College District; Los Angeles Trade-Technical College; Los Angeles City College; West Los Angeles College; East Los Angeles College; Coast Community College District (Orange Coast College San Bernardino Community College District; Homecare Workers Training Center; SEIU Local 434B; First African Methodist Episcopal (FAME) Renaissance Center; Youth Policy Institute, Inc.; City of Los Angeles Workforce Investment Board (WIB); County of Los Angeles WIB; City of Los Angeles Community Development Department; Kaiser Permanente; Cedars Sinai Health Services; Valley Presbyterian Hospital; Citrus Valley Medical Center; Watts Healthcare Foundation; Advantageous Systems; Good Samaritan Hospital; Health Advocates; E2O Health; Quality Healthcare Asset Management; O.V. Willing Workers
<b>Location of Grant activities:</b>	Los Angeles, CA; Los Angeles County
<b>Contact Information:</b>	Website: <a href="http://www.MCSrehab.com">www.MCSrehab.com</a> ; info@MCSrehab.com 213.381.3110

<b>Applicant Name:</b>	Manchester Community College
<b>Project Description:</b>	<p>Investing in Career Upgrades for Healthcare (ICU-Healthcare) provides healthcare industry-recognized education, employer-endorsed training, industry certifications, and degrees that will result in advancement for incumbents and employment for targeted long-term unemployed diverse populations (minorities, refugees, women, older workers, etc.). Project activities are designed based on the direct input of five major NH hospitals that identified critical current and future workforce needs (all of whom will participate on the project's Industry Advisory Board). Healthcare is the #1 growth industry in NH, projecting to add over 20,000 jobs to the NH economy by 2018. To meet this demand, the ICU-Healthcare project will incorporate the following activities:</p> <p><u>Customized Classroom Training:</u> condensed programs developed in conjunction with our industry partners to provide participants with the exact skill &amp; educational needs defined by our Hospital Consortium and other employing members of the healthcare community.</p> <p><u>Individual Training Accounts (ITA's)/Scholarships:</u> incorporated to provide individuals with the credentials to advance to higher levels along the career ladder within the healthcare industry.</p> <p><u>On-the-Job Training:</u> developed only for unemployed workers seeking employment within the healthcare industry.</p>
<b>Grant award amount:</b>	\$4,999,426
<b>Populations to be served:</b>	Unemployed workers (with a targeted focus on the long-term unemployed), dislocated workers, and incumbent workers
<b>Proposed outcomes:</b>	<p><u>Unemployed:</u> 230 participants served &amp; beginning education/training activities; 184 participants completing education/training activities; 165 participants receiving 1+ degrees and/or credentials; 180 participants entering unsubsidized employment; 160 participants retaining unsubsidized employment in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarters following initial placement</p> <p><u>Employed/incumbent:</u> 790 participants served &amp; beginning education/training activities; 730 participants completing education/training activities; 650 participants receiving 1+ degrees and/or credentials; 715 participants retaining unsubsidized employment in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarters following initial placement</p>
<b>Key Partners:</b>	Elliott Health Systems; Concord Hospital; LRG Healthcare; Southern New Hampshire Medical Center; Wentworth-Douglass Hospital; Mary & John Elliott Foundation;

	Community College System of NH; NH Workforce Community Council; NH Department of Employment Security; Southern NH Services; International Institute of NH
<b>Location of Grant activities:</b>	Manchester, NH
<b>Contact Information:</b>	Dr. David Flint, Associate VP of Academic Affairs Manchester Community College dflint@ccsnh.edu 603.206.8000

<b>Applicant Name:</b>	Memphis Bioworks Foundation (MBF)
<b>Project Description:</b>	Southern Education Training Consortium – Health & Information Technologies (SETC-HIT) – will provide education, training, and job placement assistance in the occupations and industries for which employers are using H-1B visas to hire foreign workers. SETC-HIT will utilize classroom (non-OJT) occupational training in seven (7) health care industry fields: Assistant Animal Lab Technician, Biotechnology Technician, Health Information Technician, Implementation Support Specialist, Network & Computer System Administrator, Health Info. Privacy & Security Specialist, and Computer Programmer / Software Developer.
<b>Grant award amount:</b>	\$3,743,098
<b>Populations to be served:</b>	Long-term unemployed, under-employed, & “discouraged” workers
<b>Proposed outcomes:</b>	390 individuals will be served; each participant will earn approximately two credentials upon successful completion of the proposed training programs; 345 participants will begin education/training activities; 276 participants will complete education/training activities; 223 participants will enter unsubsidized employment; 200 participants will retain unsubsidized employment in the first and second quarters following initial placement.
<b>Key Partners:</b>	Memphis Bioworks Foundation; Lab Four; Seedco; Southwest Tennessee Community College; Tennessee Technology Center at Memphis; Workforce Investment Network – Service Provider for Tennessee Local Workforce Investment Area (LWIA) #13; Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development; Greater Memphis Chamber of Commerce; Local Employers in Biosciences and Health Information Technology
<b>Location of Grant activities:</b>	Memphis, TN; Shelby and Fayette Counties
<b>Contact Information:</b>	Pauline Vernon MBF Workforce Director 901.866.1652 pvernon@memphisbioworks.org  Patricia Meeks MBF Executive Director of Grants & Compliance 901.866.1454 pmeeks@memphisbioworks.org

<b>Applicant Name:</b>	National Institute for Metalworking Skills (NIMS), Inc.
<b>Project Description:</b>	The High Technology Training for Advanced Manufacturing project is a 9-month on-the-job training (OJT) that culminates in a NIMS Certified Computer Numerical Controlled (CNC) Setup/Operator occupation. It is an advanced, high-skilled occupation with a distinct career path to even higher occupations in precision manufacturing where even more H-1B visas have been requested. These include CNC Machinist, Tool & Die-maker, and Mold Maker.
<b>Grant award amount:</b>	\$2,232,492
<b>Populations to be served:</b>	Unemployed
<b>Proposed outcomes:</b>	Of the 500 participants served, 450 will be enrolled in training. Of those enrolled, 400 will complete training, with 425 achieving at least 1 credential. Of those completing training, 400 will enter employment. Of those placed, 380 will be retained in the 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> quarters after initial placement. Average wage at placement will be \$18.08/hr.
<b>Key Partners:</b>	Technical Employment Training; the California Workforce Investment Board; Chicago Manufacturing Renaissance Council; Alabama Technology Network
<b>Location of Grant activities:</b>	Southern California, northern Alabama, greater Chicago
<b>Contact Information:</b>	Stephen Mandes, Executive Director NIMS, Inc. 703.352.4971 smandes@nims-skills.org

<b>Applicant Name:</b>	New York State Department of Labor
<b>Project Description:</b>	<p>The GROWTH (Growing Opportunities for Workforce Training in High-Skills) program focuses on two distinct career pathways: Advanced Manufacturing and Registered Nursing. The Advanced Manufacturing Pathway Project will be implemented in the Finger Lakes Region. The Registered Nursing Upgrade Project will be a statewide incumbent worker training project.</p> <p>The <u>Advanced Manufacturing Pathway Project</u> will focus on providing training to 266 unemployed individuals to become Associate Degreed Electrical, Mechanical and Industrial Engineering Technicians. The initiative will be implemented in the Finger Lakes Region where there are established advanced manufacturing industrial partnerships to support the hiring of graduates from the programs, and a robust offering of Associate Degree options. The training strategy will focus on offering Individual Training Accounts (ITAs) and supportive services through the One-Stop System.</p> <p>The <u>Registered Nursing Upgrade Project</u> will upgrade the skills of the incumbent nursing workforce by providing opportunities for LPNs (Licensed Practical Nurses) to become ADNs (Associated Degree in Nursing), and ADNs to become BSNs (Bachelor’s of Science in Nursing).</p>
<b>Grant award amount:</b>	\$5,000,000
<b>Populations to be served:</b>	Unemployed, incumbent workers
<b>Proposed outcomes:</b>	<p><u>Unemployed (Advanced Manufacturing):</u> 266 participants served and beginning education/training activities: 200 participants completing education/training activities; 200 participants receiving a degree or other credential (1 each); 128 participants entering unsubsidized employment; 117 participants retaining unsubsidized employment in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarters following initial placement; \$45,000/yr average wage earned at placement</p> <p><u>Incumbent (Healthcare):</u> 205 participants served and beginning education/training activities: 175 participants completing education/training activities; 175 participants receiving a degree or other credential (1 each); 175 participants entering unsubsidized employment; 175 participants retaining unsubsidized employment in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarters following initial placement; \$55,000/yr average wage earned at placement.</p>
<b>Key Partners:</b>	New York State Workforce Investment Board; Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board; Monroe County Workforce

	Investment Board; and, Genesee-Livingston-Orleans-Wyoming (GLOW) Workforce Investment Board; Finger Lakes Advanced Manufacturing Enterprise (FAME); Healthcare Association of New York State (HANYS); State University of New York (SUNY); The Rochester Technology & Manufacturing Association (RTMA); Finger Lakes Community College; Genesee Community College; Monroe Community College
<b>Location of Grant activities:</b>	Rochester, Geneva, Canandaigua, and Batavia, NY; Monroe, Wayne, Seneca, Ontario, Yates, Livingston, Wyoming, Genesee and Orleans Counties
<b>Contact Information:</b>	Ms. Karen Coleman, Director Employment & Workforce Solutions NY State Department of Labor 518.457.0380 <a href="mailto:onestop@labor.state.ny.us">onestop@labor.state.ny.us</a> *Inquiries should include the subject line: " <i><b>NYSDOL –HI-B Application</b></i> "

<b>Applicant Name:</b>	Ohio Department of Job and Family Services
<b>Project Description:</b>	<p>The project will focus on two occupational groups and five occupations within those groups: information technology (IT), business analysts, computer programmers, general IT occupations, network security professionals and chemical lab technicians. The project will target those five occupations geographically within specific economic development regions (EDRs) throughout the state. Each EDR will have a head partner organization made up of the partners named below.</p> <p>The project will focus on On-the-Job training (OJT) providing OJTs for grant participants in information technology and advanced manufacturing industries. In support of OJTs, the grant will also provide certification training programs for dislocated workers and internships for students currently enrolled in post-secondary education and unemployed participants lacking employment experience in those occupations.</p>
<b>Grant award amount:</b>	\$5,000,000
<b>Populations to be served:</b>	Incumbent or long-term unemployed
<b>Proposed outcomes:</b>	369 participants will be served with 309 entering educational/training activities, 291 completing educational /training activities, 291 receiving a credential or degree, 359 entering unsubsidized employment, 334 retaining employment after two quarters. \$25.16 will be the average hourly wage at placement.
<b>Key Partners:</b>	Partners: Columbus State Community College, Stark State College, University of Akron Wayne College and Washington County Career Center. Employer and employer consortiums: Cytec, Momentive Performance Products, Degussa Engineered Carbons, PPG, Dupont, Solvay, TechColumbus, Weaver Leather, Jackson Belden Chamber of Commerce, the Timken Co., Seifert Technologies, Inc., and Diebold, Inc.
<b>Location of Grant activities:</b>	Ohio: Columbus Metro area and 12 Economic Development Regions (EDRs)
<b>Contact Information:</b>	Ohio Department of Job and Family Services 614.995.1298 Michelle.Ball@jfs.ohio.gov

<b>Applicant Name:</b>	Oklahoma Department of Commerce
<b>Project Description:</b>	“Oklahoma Greenovation” is a statewide initiative involving well-established, multi-stakeholder partnerships designed to transform workforce development and the state’s energy-efficiency services sector (EES) and construction industry by developing and offering green-centric training, internship, certification, and subsidized on-the-job training (OJT). Targeted and H-1B occupations are associated trades, EES specialist, engineering technician, engineer, building designer, and project/facilities manager.
<b>Grant award amount:</b>	\$5,000,000
<b>Populations to be served:</b>	Unemployed or dislocated workers
<b>Proposed outcomes:</b>	975 Total participants served; 900 Total participants beginning education/training activities; 850 participants completing education/training activities; 850 participants receiving a degree, certificate, or other credential; 680 participants entering unsubsidized employment; 612 participants retaining unsubsidized employment in the first and second quarters following initial placement; \$14-35/hr average wages earned at placement
<b>Key Partners:</b>	Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education (CareerTech) and its higher education partners; the Oklahoma Chapter of Associated General Contractors (AGC); Oklahoma’s 10 local Workforce Investment Boards (WIBs); Boldt Construction; Lippert Bros.; CMSWillowbrook
<b>Location of Grant activities:</b>	State of Oklahoma
<b>Contact Information:</b>	Jason McCarty Jason_mccarty@okcommerce.gov 405.815.5320  Shawna McWaters-Khalousi Shawna_McWaters-Khalousi@okcommerce.gov 405.815.6552

<b>Applicant Name:</b>	Pacific Gateway Workforce Investment Network
<b>Project Description:</b>	<p>The Pacific Gateway H-1B Health Sector Training Project was developed in partnership with Long Beach, California’s largest private employer, Long Beach Memorial Medical Center, and the Memorial Healthcare System. The Project aims to provide training and educational support for 793 individuals in the healthcare industry. Project activities focus on employment and training activities in advancement toward three key, H-1B Visa impacted occupations: Registered Nurse; Financial Specialist; and Clinical Lab Scientist.</p> <p>Tailored pathway strategies have been developed to address opportunities along each strategy, including incumbent worker training, customized training and a stipend work experience program. Together, these activities, coupled with academic advisement to help participants complete educational prerequisites, will help meet industry needs and thus alleviate the need for H-1B Visa workers.</p>
<b>Grant award amount:</b>	\$2,816,309
<b>Populations to be served:</b>	Unemployed (with emphasis on long-term unemployed); incumbent workers
<b>Proposed outcomes:</b>	<p><u>Unemployed:</u> 393 participants served &amp; beginning education/training activities; 335 participants completing education/training activities; 58 participants receiving a degree or other credential; 318 participants entering unsubsidized employment; 286 participants retaining unsubsidized employment in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarters following initial placement; \$15.12-\$35.01/hr wage range earned at placement + full benefits</p> <p><u>Incumbent:</u> 400 participants served &amp; beginning education/training activities; 380 participants completing education/training activities; 190 participants receiving a degree or other credential; 380 participants retaining unsubsidized employment in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarters following initial placement; \$17.50-\$20.00/hr wage range earned at placement + full benefits</p>
<b>Key Partners:</b>	Long Beach Community College, Los Angeles Harbor College; Long Beach Memorial Medical Center, Miller Children’s Hospital Long Beach; Memorial Healthcare System (6 hospitals total)

<b>Location of Grant activities:</b>	Long Beach, Los Angeles, and Irvine, CA; Los Angeles and Orange counties
<b>Contact Information:</b>	Mr. Bryan Rogers, Exec Director Pacific Gateway Workforce Investment Network 562.570.3701 Bryan.rogers@longbeach.gov

<b>Applicant Name:</b>	Pima County
<b>Project Description:</b>	The project design of Southern Arizona Technical Career Pathways capitalizes on recent efforts by IFA partners to align commercial, community-college and baccalaureate-level education and training in the region. Achievements in this area mean that education programs in the required fields of study are ready to be offered for incumbent workers now with minimal planning and design work. The Southern Arizona Technical Career Pathways grant will provide training for 200 incumbent workers to move up into H1-B-level occupations, thus expanding existing pipeline of high-tech talent in the region, capitalizing on recent innovations increasing workers' access to higher education; and increasing the diversity of the high-tech workforce.
<b>Grant award amount:</b>	\$1,318,326
<b>Populations to be served:</b>	Incumbent workers
<b>Proposed outcomes:</b>	200 Total participants served and beginning education/training activities; 180 participants completing education/training activities; 150 participants receiving a degree, certificate, or other credential (1.5 each); 170 participants retaining unsubsidized employment in the first and second quarters following initial placement; \$35/hr average wage earned at placement
<b>Key Partners:</b>	Arizona Technology Council; Arizona Western College; Cochise College; Pima Community College; University of Arizona South; University of Arizona College of Engineering; Pima County OneStop; Cochise County Workforce Development; Yuma Private Industry Council; Tucson Regional Economic Opportunities; Greater Yuma Economic Development Corporation; Infrared Laboratories; Meti Corp; NetCentrics; L3 Communications; Johnson Controls; EDSI
<b>Location of Grant activities:</b>	Sierra Vista, Nogales, Yuma, and Tucson, AZ: Pima, Cochise, Santa Cruz and Yuma Counties
<b>Contact Information:</b>	Jim Mize, Manager Pima County One Stop 520.243.6703 jim.mize@pima.gov

<b>Applicant Name:</b>	Project QUEST, Inc. (QUEST)
<b>Project Description:</b>	<p>Project QUEST, Inc. (QUEST) and its partners propose to support training for high-skills healthcare occupations (i.e., registered nursing and certain allied health professions) and occupations along career pathways to these higher skills professions.</p> <p>QUEST and its partners will provide opportunities for individuals who have some work experience or training in the healthcare field to advance along a designated career path. The majority of healthcare occupations that are in demand and are considered H-1B level jobs (e.g., RN) or are along a career pathway to a H-1B level job (e.g., licensed vocational nursing) require either a one-year certificate program or a two-year associate’s degree program.</p>
<b>Grant award amount:</b>	\$5,000,000
<b>Populations to be served:</b>	Long-term unemployed, other unemployed, and underemployed
<b>Proposed outcomes:</b>	416 Total participants served and beginning education/training activities; 310 participants completing education/training activities; 310 participants receiving a degree, certificate, or other credential (1 each); 270 participants entering unsubsidized employment; 240 participants retaining unsubsidized employment in the first and second quarters following initial placement; \$19.40/hr average wage earned at placement. 95% of those placed will remain in industry-related positions for at least 18 months.
<b>Key Partners:</b>	San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce; Workforce Solutions-Alamo; Goodwill’s Good Careers Program; the San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (SAHCC); Workforce Solutions-Alamo (WSA); Methodist Healthcare System; University Health System
<b>Location of Grant activities:</b>	San Antonio, TX
<b>Contact Information:</b>	Ms. Mary Pena, Executive Director Project Quest, Inc. 210.270.4690 www.QUESTsa.org

<b>Applicant Name:</b>	Tarrant County Local Workforce Development Board dba Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County
<b>Project Description:</b>	The project is an OJT program targeting the primary industry partners and their respective supplier networks. The program will assist newly hired engineers in gaining the skills and experienced needed within the aerospace industry. OJT will help employer partners to bridge the existing skills gap by allowing them to hire engineers that meet the basic qualifications for employment but who need skills upgrades to perform effectively within the aerospace industry.
<b>Grant award amount:</b>	\$5,000,000
<b>Populations to be served:</b>	Unemployed workers
<b>Proposed outcomes:</b>	385 participants will be served and will begin education / training; 365 will receive a degree or credential; 547 credentials or degrees will be awarded; 365 participants will enter unsubsidized employment; 346 will be retained at two quarters after placement.
<b>Key Partners:</b>	Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce; Lockheed Martin Corporation; Bell Helicopter Textron; American Eurocopter; others TBD
<b>Location of Grant activities:</b>	Texas: Fort Worth
<b>Contact Information:</b>	Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County Judy McDonald, Executive Director Judy.mcdonald@workforcesolutions.net 817.413.4400

<b>Applicant Name:</b>	The Workplace, Inc.
<b>Project Description:</b>	<p>The Southwestern Connecticut Health Career<sub>x</sub> Academy will utilize classroom training and internships. At orientation, candidates will get an overview of healthcare occupations including skills sets needed. In addition, <i>Academy</i> staff will conduct assessments of candidates and enroll participants when appropriate. Each participant will develop a Health Career<sub>x</sub> Plan based on career interests, previous education, assessments and life situation. Partnering educational institutions will provide education and training based on the individual career plans. Connecticut League for Nursing will provide all participants with core skills essential to healthcare professionals. A significant element in the success of the Academy will be the inclusion of “Cohort Learning” enabling participants to pursue coursework with the same classmates over a fixed period of time. Whenever possible, Learning Communities will be an integral part of the <i>Academy</i>. These cohorts will train, and study together, share common experiences, concerns and job leads.</p> <p>Internships will be provided, where appropriate, to incorporate hands-on learning and to showcase participants to healthcare employers. Participants will be provided with job placement assistance with partnering healthcare employers, job fairs will be set up by participating chambers; staff will monitor participants for job retention.</p>
<b>Grant award amount:</b>	\$4,936,845
<b>Populations to be served:</b>	Long-term unemployed
<b>Proposed outcomes:</b>	500 total participants served, 400 participants beginning education/training activities; 300 participants completing education/training activities; 300 participants receiving a degree or other credential (1-2 each); 275 participants entering unsubsidized employment; 250 participants retaining unsubsidized employment in the 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> quarters following initial placement; \$35,000/yr average wage earned at placement.
<b>Key Partners:</b>	<p>Required partners: Bridgeport Regional Business Council, The Business Council of Fairfield County, Greater Norwalk Chamber of Commerce and Greater Valley Chamber of Commerce; Norwalk Community College, Housatonic Community College, Saint Vincent’s College and Bridgeport Hospital School of Nursing; Career Resources, Inc., the <i>CTWorks One-Stop</i> operator.</p> <p>Other partners: Connecticut League for Nursing, Bridgeport Hospital, Greenwich Hospital, Griffin Hospital,</p>

	Norwalk Hospital, Saint Vincent's Medical Center, The Stamford Health System, MasoniCare, Waveny Care Network, Veteran Affairs Connecticut Health System and Yale New Haven Health System Institute for Excellence.
<b>Location of Grant activities:</b>	Bridgeport, CT
<b>Contact Information:</b>	Joseph M. Carbone, President and CEO The Workplace, Inc. jcarbone@workplace.org 203.610.8502

<b>Applicant Name:</b>	The University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB)
<b>Project Description:</b>	<p>Clinical Laboratory Initiative to Mentor Baccalaureate Students (CLIMBS)</p> <p>The CLIMBS Project will prepare individuals to obtain certification or upgrade employment in the clinical laboratory profession workforce. This project will target two populations, 1) long-term unemployed (LTU) individuals with associate or bachelor degrees and 2) individuals completing a lower level of education in the laboratory profession. Vacancy data suggests that employers consider certification a desirable qualification when hiring or promoting laboratory staff and that obtaining a bachelor’s degree and certification will result in higher wages. Therefore, the goal of this project is to help individuals complete a program where they will gain appropriate certification for jobs in the clinical laboratory. Individuals who enroll in this program will have three options depending on their background: 1) complete the categorical certification program; 2) complete the 2+2 BSCLS program; or 3) complete the Laboratory Education and Advancement Program. Program completers will help to mitigate the shortages of clinical laboratory science professionals in area laboratories located in hospitals, clinics, and industry. This program builds on UTMB-CLS Program’s existing collaborations with area community colleges and hospital systems. The project will provide mentoring and advising assistance to students to help them succeed in reaching their academic goals, including completion of program prerequisites, articulation into the CLS program, graduation with a baccalaureate degree, passing the certification examination and ultimately employment.</p>
<b>Grant award amount:</b>	\$4,947,159
<b>Populations to be served:</b>	Long term unemployed, unemployed or underemployed
<b>Proposed outcomes:</b>	285 individuals will be enrolled in the program; 256 (90%) will begin educational activities; 230 (90%) will complete educational activities; 208 (90%) will receive certification credentials; 197 (95%) will be placed into unsubsidized employment; 187 (95%) will retain employment status in the first and second quarter following initial placement.
<b>Key Partners:</b>	<p>Education: San Jacinto Community College, Houston Community College;</p> <p>Employers: Memorial Herman Health Systems, UTMB;</p> <p>Workforce: Texas Gulf Coast Workforce Board/Workforce Solutions</p>

<b>Location of Grant activities:</b>	Galveston, TX; 13 counties in East Texas
<b>Contact Information:</b>	Connie Barton, Associate Director Sponsored Programs 409.772.3055

<b>Applicant Name:</b>	The Urban League of Metro Atlanta
<b>Project Description:</b>	<p>The Urban League of Greater Atlanta partnership will provide an eight month long training program that teaches people with a four-year college education to become expert in a specific technology called Pegasystems.</p> <p>The training program focuses on creating talent and placing that talent immediately into the workforce through On-the-Job Training concurrent with specialized training. The employer partner, BPM Specialists Inc., has an immediate need to hire trained American talent and has committed to employ, fulltime with benefits, those workers who participate in this program. This employer has identified that there are available Pegasystem job posting in the Atlanta area and no qualified people responding to these job openings postings.</p>
<b>Grant award amount:</b>	\$4,821,715
<b>Populations to be served:</b>	Long-term unemployed, long-term underemployed
<b>Proposed outcomes:</b>	125 participants will be served and trained; 110 will complete training and obtain a credential (there will be 220 credentials attained in total); 110 will enter unsubsidized employment; 110 will be retained at the end of two quarters. Average wage at placement will be \$40,000 per year, \$60,000 at the end of the first year
<b>Key Partners:</b>	Clark Atlanta University, BPM Specialists, Inc.
<b>Location of Grant activities:</b>	Atlanta, GA
<b>Contact Information:</b>	Nancy Flake Johnson, President and CEO Urban League of Greater Atlanta njohnson@ulgatl.org 404.659.6575

<b>Applicant Name:</b>	Westmoreland-Fayette Workforce Investment Board (WIB)
<b>Project Description:</b>	<p>“Re-Engineering Careers” will target unemployed individuals for positions that: 1) lie in the career path of key, in demand occupations for which companies in Southwestern Pennsylvania utilize the H1-B Visa program and/or 2) are crucial for Advanced Manufacturing, an industry that regularly utilizes the H1-B program. H-1B occupations include, among others, Mechanical, Electrical, Sales and Industrial Engineers, as well as Logisticians and Computer Programmers (within manufacturing, specifically Numerical Tool and Process Control Programmers). On-the-job training is required as part of an individualized training/career plan that will: 1) address existing gaps in the skills and academic preparation of potential candidates, and 2) make sure these skills and academic knowledge are tailored to the specific, unique needs of employers.</p> <p>Re-engineering Careers will be a program of the Manufacturing Industry Partnership of Southwestern Pennsylvania (MIP-SWPA). This partnership is made up of dozens of members of the Advanced Manufacturing Industry, Workforce Development professionals from each of the four WIB areas, representatives of the Machinists and Aerospace Workers Union, The United Steelworkers Union, Catalyst Connection (our local MEP), the National Tooling and Machining Association, SMC Business Councils, the Private Industry Council of Westmoreland/Fayette, Inc., representatives of Community Colleges, California University of PA, private training providers, and the PA Workforce Investment Board.</p>
<b>Grant award amount:</b>	\$3,302,460
<b>Populations to be served:</b>	Unemployed and underemployed workers
<b>Proposed outcomes:</b>	800 participants will be served, 135 will enter education/training activities, 125 will complete education/training activities, 80 will receive a credential, 125 will enter unsubsidized employment and 115 will retain employment after 2 quarters. The average wage at placement will be \$42,000 per year.
<b>Key Partners:</b>	New Century Careers; the Private Industry Council of Westmoreland-Fayette; the PA WIB’s Center for Workforce Information and Analysis; the National Tooling and Machining Association Pittsburgh Chapter (including a core set of companies signing an MOU); and the Westmoreland County Community College representing other education and training providers.

<b>Location of Grant activities:</b>	Pennsylvania: four core Workforce Investment Areas that comprise Southwestern Pa.: Three Rivers, Westmoreland-Fayette, Southwest Corner and Tri-County
<b>Contact Information:</b>	Paul Anselmo Project Manager anselmo@ncsquared.com

<b>Applicant Name:</b>	The Workforce Alliance of South Central Kansas, Inc.
<b>Project Description:</b>	The Kansas Engineering Excellence Project (KEEP) seeks to reduce the number of H-1B visas sought for engineers who work for Wichita, Kansas area aviation manufacturing firms, research institutes and institutions of higher learning. KEEP will accomplish this by supporting a career pathway designed to increase the number of local engineers through a partnership between the Workforce Alliance of South Central Kansas (WA), the Local Workforce Investment Board (LWIB) for Area IV of Kansas and Wichita State University (WSU). The strategy is to provide post-secondary education to laid-off workers, women, and minorities leading to bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees in engineering. KEEP will assist them with job placement in local firms.
<b>Grant award amount:</b>	\$5,000,000
<b>Populations to be served:</b>	Long-term unemployed individuals (75%). Women and minorities (25%)
<b>Proposed outcomes:</b>	100 participants served & beginning education/training activities; 80 participants completing education/training activities; 80 participants receiving a degree or other credential; 75 participants entering unsubsidized employment; 70 participants retaining unsubsidized employment in the 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> quarters following initial placement; \$72,270/year average wage earned at placement
<b>Key Partners:</b>	Cessna Aircraft Company; Hawker Beechcraft Corporation; Mid-Continent Instruments; National Institute for Aviation Research (NIAR); Wichita State University (WSU) College of Engineering; and WSU
<b>Location of Grant activities:</b>	Wichita, KS
<b>Contact Information:</b>	Keith Lawing, Executive Director Workforce Alliance of South Central Kansas klawing@workforce-ks.com 316.771.6603

<b>Applicant Name:</b>	WorkNet Pinellas, Inc.
<b>Project Description:</b>	<p>The Tampa Bay H-1B Technical Skills Training program targets the training of unemployed, long-term unemployed and incumbent workers to pursue career pathways in allied health and nursing occupations within the healthcare sector. Education and training at every level will be closely aligned with healthcare positions important to the local, regional, and statewide economies. Every level will be designed to afford participants the ability to advance within the workplace and/or academically, with assessments and intermediate certifications articulated to the requirements of the next level of education and employment. A Career Development Plan (CDP) will drive which program and training option suits the participant best. The two types of career pathways chosen for this initiative include a 1) Pre-College Bridge Program to provide lower-skilled adults with credit for occupational training through academic advising; and 2) Post-Secondary Education and Training Program to upgrade skills and attain industry recognized credentials. Included in the post-secondary career pathway will be community college education for nursing students to complete an Associate Degree in nursing (ADN) and/or Bachelors of Science in nursing (BSN) at St. Petersburg College. Specialized support services will be tailored by the career pathway level the participant is enrolled, such as mentorship as part of the ADN program and preceptors, or paid work experiences, for Clinical Nurse Residents. By design, the incumbent worker strategy for training ensures that all individuals are employed throughout their training program. The long-term placement strategy will include placement within the BayCare system for those previously unemployed and will offer advancement opportunities for newly trained incumbent workers along the career pathway.</p>
<b>Grant award amount:</b>	\$4,808,828
<b>Populations to be served:</b>	Unemployed, long-term unemployed and incumbent workers
<b>Proposed outcomes:</b>	609 served, 484 incumbent workers and 125 unemployed and long-term unemployed individuals. 73% of participants will complete their training with at least one licensed credential. A 90% job placement rate is expected for those unemployed workers who complete their training at an average wage of \$27.00 an hour

<b>Key Partners:</b>	St. Petersburg College (as the primary training provider), BayCare Health System, Inc. (as the business-related non-profit organization and employer consortium), and Tampa Bay Workforce Alliance (as another WIB partner)
<b>Location of Grant activities:</b>	Clearwater, FL
<b>Contact Information:</b>	Jacqueline Skryd, Project Director Worknet Pinellas, Inc. jskryd@worknetpinellas.org

<b>Applicant Name:</b>	Waukesha-Ozaukee-Washington (W-O-W) Workforce Development, Inc. (WDI)
<b>Project Description:</b>	Training Individuals for Manufacturing Employment (TIME) is a four-year On-the-Job Training (OJT) program to provide employers with the skilled workforce necessary to compete globally, and job seekers with the skills and competencies needed to enter high-skill high-demand occupations. TIME will target the advanced manufacturing industry and related occupations such as CNC operator, machinist, maintenance, and tool and die maker.
<b>Grant award amount:</b>	\$4,972,150
<b>Populations to be served:</b>	Unemployed, underemployed
<b>Proposed outcomes:</b>	840 participants served; 560 beginning education/training activities; 532 participants completing education/training activities; 505 participants entering unsubsidized employment; 455 participants retaining unsubsidized employment in the 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> quarters following initial placement; \$19.06/hr average wage earned at placement.
<b>Key Partners:</b>	Employers from the Wisconsin Precision Metalworking Council (WPMC) and M-7 Manufacturing Industry Partnership; and the Wisconsin Regional Training Partnership (WRTP/BIG STEP)
<b>Location of Grant activities:</b>	Pewaukee, WI, Waukesha, Ozaukee, and Washington counties
<b>Contact Information:</b>	Francisco Sanchez, President W-O-W Workforce Development, Inc. 262.695.7888 fsanchez@wctc.edu

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<b>Applicant Name</b>	Arizona Diversity Business Development Center
<b>Project Name</b>	Project MADE
<b>Key Industries</b>	Healthcare
<b>Project Description</b>	Project MADE will accomplish six major programs and activities by 2016 including: 1) develop and implement three additional ADN to BSN nursing education cohorts at ASU and Banner Health to create 90 new higher educated nursing professionals; 2) develop and implement an RN Residency Program to assist 300 newly licensed RNs in their first hospital position; 3) develop and implement an RN mentorship program to assist incumbent (30 per year) RNs to adjust to a new position in a medical specialty shortage such as Perioperative Services or Emergency Service; 4) provide professional seminars to upgrade the management and leadership skills of existing healthcare employees including leadership, coaching, and diversity seminars; 5) assist 500 nursing assistants to become certified and enter the nursing profession career pathway and 6) provide recruitment and support services to specific populations under-represented in healthcare and/or demonstrating high levels of unemployment including minorities, veterans, and recently unemployed.
<b>Grant Award Amount</b>	\$4,963,159
<b>Populations to be Served</b>	Unemployed
<b>Key Partners</b>	The Arizona Diversity Business Development Center, Inc. (the Center) in its capacity as Prime and Lead Applicant and grantee in partnership with Banner Health – a premier Phoenix, Arizona healthcare provider with 40 percent of Maricopa County market share with 29,000 employees, Chicanos Por La Causa, Inc. a large community based organization with a 42 history within the Southwest, Maricopa Workforce Connections – the WIB and ARRA county agency and Arizona State University College of Nursing and Healthcare Innovations providing Bachelors of Science and advanced practice degrees proposes Project MADE to address Arizona’s shortage of acute healthcare employees.

<b>Location of Grant Activities</b>	Maricopa County; Cities include Gilbert, Glendale, Mesa, Page, Phoenix, San Tan Valley, Scottsdale, and Sun City
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<b>Applicant Name</b>	Arkansas Workforce Investment Board/Department of Workforce Services
<b>Project Name</b>	Arkansas Partnership for Nursing Future
<b>Key Industries</b>	Healthcare
<b>Project Description</b>	<p>This project will provide unemployed workers, dislocated workers and underemployed workers with access to an education pathway in nursing that is aligned with an employment career pathway which prepares them for employment and supports degree and certificate attainment.</p> <p>Funding for this project will support the training of a minimum of 1,500 unemployed, underemployed, and displaced workers for the H-IB occupation of registered nurse (RN) and occupations along the career pathway to the H-I B occupation (CNA, LPN) by implementing the following specific strategies and activities. Training strategies include distance education, classroom occupational training and clinical training</p>
<b>Grant Award Amount</b>	\$4,952,848
<b>Populations to be Served</b>	Unemployed and Underemployed
<b>Key Partners</b>	University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, Arkansas Association of Two-Year Colleges, Arkansas State Board of Nursing, Arkansas Hospital Association, Arkansas Healthcare Association, Arkansas Chamber of Commerce, Arkansas Workforce Investment Board, Arkansas Community Foundation
<b>Location of Grant Activities</b>	State of Arkansas
<b>Contact Information</b>	Mike Kennedy, 501-682-3142

<b>Applicant Name</b>	Automation Alley
<b>Key Industries</b>	Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services Industry (NAICS 54)
<b>Project Name</b>	Automation Alley Technical Talent Development Program
<b>Project Description</b>	<p>The project will provide flexible, employer-driven training for management, scientific and technical consulting services industry jobs in Southeast Michigan. Employer demand is increasing, yet skilled workers are lacking in the specifically targeted occupations: software developers, applications; database administrators; computer specialists; and computer user support specialists. Small businesses comprise ninety per cent of the Automation Alley 95 partner member technical companies.</p> <p>A two-pronged service delivery approach based on an in-depth employer survey will include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Just in time training for incumbent workers; and</li> <li>2. Short-term, employer-specific training programs.</li> </ol>
<b>Grant Award Amount</b>	\$ 5,000,000
<b>Populations to be Served</b>	Incumbent Workers; Unemployed; Long-term Unemployed
<b>Key Partners</b>	Automation Alley; Michigan Works of Oakland County; Oakland Community College; Lakeside Software; and HP Enterprise Services
<b>Location of Grant Activities</b>	Oakland Community College; Southeastern Michigan Counties of Monroe, Genesee, St. Clair, Livingston, Oakland, Macomb, Washtenaw, and Wayne, City of Detroit
<b>Contact Information</b>	Mr. Charles Anthony DeVries, Senior Director Phone: (248) 396-7529 devriesc@automationalley.com

<b>Applicant Name</b>	Central Minnesota Jobs and Training Services, Inc.
<b>Project Name</b>	Central Minnesota Advanced Manufacturing - OJT (CMAM-OJT)
<b>Key Industries</b>	Advanced Manufacturing - (NAICS: 31-33)
<b>Project Description</b>	<p>Grant partners will refer candidates to Central Minnesota Jobs and Training Services, Inc. (CMJTS). CMJTS will conduct additional recruitment activities. Each OJT participant will be assessed for eligibility and ability to benefit from training, including level of education, interest in the career field, current skills, ability to work, and willingness to earn a credential.</p> <p>CMJTS will develop OJT placements. The employer will make the hiring decision based on the candidate and the job skill analysis. CMJTS and the employer, with appropriate input from the candidate, will develop and implement the OJT plan. The employer will allow or facilitate the earning of the related credential identified on the training plan. The credential may be earned off-site, online, in a classroom, and/or through an evaluator/proctor process. CMJTS will provide case management and support services to the OJT trainee throughout the length of the contract and provide follow-up and US DOL grant reports, as required.</p>
<b>Grant Award Amount</b>	\$1,639,688
<b>Populations to be Served</b>	Unemployed and Long-Term Unemployed
<b>Key Partners</b>	Central Minnesota Workforce Investment Board, Central Minnesota Manufacturing Association, East Central

	Regional Development Commission, Kandiyohi County and City of Willmar Economic Development Commission, Cambridge Metals and Plastics, Advance Design and Systems, Minnesota Rubber and Plastics, Motek-TEAM Industries, Von Ruden Manufacturing, Metal Craft Machine and Engineering
<b>Location of Grant Activities</b>	MN Congressional Districts - 006, 007, 008
<b>Contact Information</b>	Central Minnesota Jobs and Training Services, Inc., 406 East 7th St., P.O. Box 720, Monticello, MN 55362 Attn: Barbara Chaffee, CEO bchaffee@cmjts.org

<b>Applicant Name</b>	Central Mississippi Planning & Development District, Inc.
<b>Project Name</b>	Mississippi Careers of Tomorrow (MCOT) Training Program
<b>Key Industries</b>	IT and Engineering
<b>Project Description</b>	<p>Central Mississippi Planning and Development District (CMPDD) is a sub-state regional planning organization dedicated to serving its member governments. As a non-profit corporation, CMPDD promotes area-wide progress through regional planning and development concepts in such areas as local planning, governmental management, economic development financing, and human resource coordination.</p> <p>Mississippi Careers of Tomorrow (MCOT) is an OJT program aimed to transition unemployed and underemployed individuals into high-growth information technology and engineering occupations to meet the workforce needs of employer partners.</p>
<b>Grant Award Amount</b>	\$5,000,000
<b>Populations to be Served</b>	Unemployed
<b>Key Partners</b>	Mississippi Department of Employment Security (MDES) Greater Jackson Chamber Partnership; Hinds Community College, Holmes Community College; Copiah-Lincoln Community College, Southwest Mississippi Community College; Nissan North America, Siemens Energy, SmartSynch, Lockheed Martin Corporation, Raytheon Corporation, Others TBD
<b>Location of Grant Activities</b>	The Central Mississippi region including the city of Jackson, and encompasses Copiah, Hinds, Madison, Rankin, Simpson, Warren, and Yazoo counties. MS-002, MS-003
<b>Contact Information</b>	James McGuffee, Central Mississippi Planning & Development District, P.O. Box 4935, Jackson, MS 39296-4935 Phone Number: (601) 981-1511

<b>Applicant Name</b>	Central Piedmont Community College (CPCC)
<b>Project Name</b>	Regional Effort to Advance Charlotte Information Technology (REACH IT)
<b>Key Industries</b>	IT, and Health IT
<b>Project Description</b>	<p>Central Piedmont Community College (CPCC) will serve as the lead partner for the Regional Effort to Advance Charlotte Information Technology (REACH IT) initiative that includes four industry partners: IBM, Siemens Energy, Business Control Systems (BCS), and Novant Health; two workforce development boards; and the statewide information technology (IT) professional association.</p> <p>This proposal represents a coordinated response to the regional need for skilled workers in the high-growth IT industry. The training described in the work plan will advance the skills of Charlotte-region IT workers and long term unemployed professionals and enable them to obtain or upgrade employment by earning industry-recognized, IT certifications.</p> <p>REACH IT industry partners will select trainees based on their occupational classification (H-1B level), need for training to meet changing job requirements, ability to perform on new project teams, and the potential for advancement or job retention as a result of training. In addition, education level and years of experience will also be considered.</p>
<b>Grant Award Amount</b>	4,999,071
<b>Populations to be Served</b>	Long-Term Unemployed, and incumbents
<b>Key Partners</b>	IBM, Siemens Energy, Business Control Systems, Charlotte Mecklenburg Workforce Development Board, Centralina Workforce Development Board, North Carolina Technology Association
<b>Location of Grant Activities</b>	Piedmont County
<b>Contact Information</b>	Michael Horn, CPCC Associate Vice President Government Relations and Grants Michael.Horn@cpcc.edu

<b>Applicant Name</b>	City of Boston Economic Development and Industrial Corporation
<b>Project Name</b>	The Metro Boston Skilled Careers in Life Sciences Initiative
<b>Key Industries</b>	Healthcare and Biotechnology: a. Training Target Occupations: Medical Laboratory Technicians (MLTs), Medical Laboratory Technologists (MTs) and Biological Technicians b. Other Related H 1 B Visa Occupations: Medical Scientists, Biochemists and Biophysicists, Biological Scientists, Biomedical Engineers, Life Scientists (all others)
<b>Project Description</b>	<p>The Metro Boston Skilled Careers in Life sciences Initiative: Improving Career Opportunities for Residents of the Greater Boston area and providing a more highly trained life science workforce. The Metro Boston workforce investment areas are proposing the SCILS Initiative in order to improve career opportunities for residents of the Greater Boston area and provide a more highly trained life science workforce for our healthcare and biotechnology sectors.</p> <p>The Initiative will take a multi-faceted approach, employing 5 mutually supportive strategies. Activities supporting these strategies include occupational training, contextualized learning, customized training, program development and the recruitment, case management and placement of eligible participants. The Initiative will not fund any OJT but it will support incumbent worker training.</p>
<b>Grant Award Amount</b>	\$4,999,555
<b>Populations to be Served</b>	Underemployed, unemployed and incumbent workers
<b>Key Partners</b>	Boston Healthcare Career Consortium; Quincy College; Boston University's Biomedical Laboratory and Clinical Sciences program; Massachusetts Life Science Center;
<b>Location of Grant Activities</b>	Counties: Suffolk, Middlesex, Norfolk, Plymouth Cities: Boston, Cambridge, Quincy, Newton, Summerville, Framingham and 80 other municipalities of the greater Boston area
<b>Contact Information</b>	Connie Doty, Director, Mayor's Office of Jobs and Community Service, 617.918.5236 Matthew Bruce, 43 Hawkins Street, Boston, Suffolk Co., MA 02114-2907; Matthew.bruce.jcs@cityofboston.gov

<b>Applicant Name</b>	District 1199C Training & Upgrading Fund
<b>Project Name</b>	Greater Philadelphia/South Jersey Nursing and Health Information Mobility Program
<b>Key Industries</b>	Health Care
<b>Project Description</b>	The Mobility Program brings together a comprehensive partnership that will create in-demand, high skilled Nursing and Health Information positions for Long-Term Unemployed and other unemployed workers. The On-the-Job Training (OJT) model will integrate credentialed post-secondary education and foster career pathways in four occupational areas: Acute Care Registered Nurses (RN), Home Care RN's, Practical Nurses, and Health Information Technicians/Medical Coders. The OJT strategy will also enable employers to hire participants with required industry credentials and additional workplace training and supervision.
<b>Grant Award Amount</b>	\$3,073,122
<b>Populations to be Served</b>	Long-Term Unemployed and other unemployed workers
<b>Key Partners</b>	Temple University Health System, Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, Hahnemann University Hospital, Nurses Association of Greater Philadelphia, Nationwide Health Care, Inglis House, and Cadbury Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, National Union of Hospital and Health Care Employees, AFSCME, Northeastern Hospital School of Nursing, Camden County College, Temple University, Drexel University, and Community College of Philadelphia, Philadelphia Workforce Development Corporation, Philadelphia Workforce Investment Board and the One Stop Consortium, City of Philadelphia – Office of the Mayor, and United Way of Southeastern PA
<b>Location of Grant Activities</b>	Southeastern Pennsylvania including Philadelphia, Bucks, Chester, Delaware, and Montgomery counties, Southern New Jersey including Camden, Burlington, and Gloucester counties, and New Castle county in Delaware
<b>Contact Information</b>	Susan B. Thomas, <a href="mailto:sthomas@1199ctraining.org">sthomas@1199ctraining.org</a> or (215)568-2220, extension 5102

<b>Applicant Name</b>	Florida Gateway College
<b>Project Name</b>	Florida Nurses Now: Collaboration to Fill High-Skill, High-Demand Nursing Occupations
<b>Key Industries</b>	Healthcare
<b>Project Description</b>	The Florida Gateway College Florida Nurses Now initiative will enable Florida’s practicing Registered Nurses (RNs) to secure a baccalaureate degree in nursing (BSN) quickly, conveniently, and economically. It will also increase the number of RN graduates in rural north central Florida (Florida’s largest Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern), increase the diversity of regional RN graduates, and improve the “real life,” hands-on skills of nurse trainees throughout the State. It will achieve these goals through implementation of Florida’s first fully online RN-to-BSN program at a public, predominantly two-year institution; creating a new Paramedic-to-RN degree track in north central Florida; and collaborating with the Florida Center for Nursing and some of Florida’s top College nursing programs to design state-of-the-art simulation-based instructional strategies that will revolutionize nurse training at Florida Gateway College and be shared without reservation with nursing faculty throughout the State.
<b>Grant Award Amount</b>	\$3,903,957
<b>Populations to be Served</b>	Healthcare workers, PNs, Paramedics, RNs and BSNs
<b>Key Partners</b>	Lake City Medical Center, North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Hospital System, Shands Lake Shore Regional Medical Center, Florida Crown Workforce Board, Inc. , WorkSource First Coast Workforce Development, Inc. , Florida Center for Nursing, Florida State College at Jacksonville, Pensacola State College, Tallahassee Community College
<b>Location of Grant Activities</b>	North Central Florida
<b>Contact Information</b>	Tracy Hickman, Dean of Occupational Programs Florida Gateway College <a href="mailto:Tracy.Hickman@fgc.edu">Tracy.Hickman@fgc.edu</a>

<b>Applicant Name:</b>	Front Range Community College
<b>Project Description:</b>	<b>The Front Range Health and Information Technology Project</b> provides incumbent training using training delivered on-side at industry employers that includes: 1) training to advance 12 incumbent certified nursing assistants along the career ladder to licensed practical nurse and 2) training to 2,915 incumbent workers in health and information technology positions leading to certification and career advancement. The project will also provide classroom based short term non-credit health information technology certification training and advanced web development training for 160 unemployed participants with technology backgrounds that will enable them to enter into careers in health or information technology that allow them to leverage their existing skills.
<b>Grant award amount:</b>	\$3,980,813
<b>Populations to be served:</b>	Incumbent Workers
<b>Key Partners:</b>	International Business Machines (IBM), Longmont United, Banner Health, Columbine Health Systems, Markit, On Demand, Larimer County Workforce Center, and Workforce Boulder County.
<b>Location of Grant activities:</b>	The Colorado counties of Adams, Larimer, Weld, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, and Jefferson, a seven county area that comprises Colorado's front range.
<b>Contact Information:</b>	Andrea Molarius Director of Resource Development and Sponsored Programs E-mail: Andrea.Molarius@frontrange.edu

<b>Applicant Name</b>	Industrial Consultants, LLC
<b>Project Name</b>	Ammonia Refrigeration: The Coolest Jobs in Town!
<b>Key Industries</b>	Ammonia Refrigeration Industry
<b>Project Description</b>	<p>This project will implement a training strategy that utilizes placement, On-the-Job Training (OJT) in conjunction with on-line course work and hands-on training with a mobile ammonia refrigeration training system (Smart System™).</p> <p>Participants will be placed in jobs while taking on-line training in conjunction with OJT. Participants will then go on to attend “in-person” training with the SMART™ System.</p> <p>Upon completion of the program, participants are prepared for certification in the following areas: Refrigeration Engineers and Technicians Association Certification (RETA); CIRO or CARO; Emergency response (HAZMAT) and NEEA Energy Efficiency L-1 &amp; L-2.</p>
<b>Grant Award Amount</b>	\$5,000,000
<b>Populations to be Served</b>	Long-term Unemployed; Veterans
<b>Key Partners</b>	Nh3jobs; RETA; NEEA; Bama Companies; Rocky Mountain Mechanical
<b>Location of Grant Activities</b>	Los Angeles, CA; Seattle, WA; Dallas, TX; Atlanta, GA; Chicago, IL; Baltimore, MD
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<b>Applicant Name</b>	Los Angeles Southwest College (LASC)	
<b>Project Name</b>	Los Angeles Engineering Collaborative Project	
<b>Key Industries</b>	Engineering and engineer technology	
<b>Project Description</b>	<p>The Los Angeles Engineering Collaborative Project will prepare unemployed workers in the greater Los Angeles region for employment and advancement in the high-growth field of engineering. Los Angeles Southwest College will work closely with employers, industry, and workforce development leaders to design, implement, and evaluate specific training strategies. Employer partners will collaboratively identify specific competencies, skill sets, and applicant qualities needed for each targeted occupation. These criteria will be used to conduct a comprehensive assessment that is designed to match individuals to the most appropriate type and level of training. Four training strategies will be designed with employers, and will involve substantive and ongoing employer input on curriculum content and delivery structure. Employers will also provide in-kind contributions to support training.</p>	
<b>Grant Award Amount</b>	\$5,000,000	
<b>Populations to be Served</b>	Unemployed workers in the greater Los Angeles region, with a focus on the South Los Angeles area and the long-term unemployed	
<b>Key Partners</b>	Kiewit Infrastructure West, Co., Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers, WorkSource Centers	
<b>Location of Grant Activities</b>	Los Angeles City and County, CA	
<b>Contact Information</b>	<p>Mr. Elmer Bugg  Dean of Workforce  Development &amp; Corporate  Relations  (323) 241-5388  <a href="mailto:buggea@lasc.edu">buggea@lasc.edu</a></p>	

<b>Project Name</b>	The Massachusetts More Skilled Workers Program
<b>Key Industries</b>	High-Tech and Advanced Manufacturing
<b>Project Description</b>	The Massachusetts More Skilled Worker Program is a logical solution to the dearth of qualified workers and positions the MassMEP and its partners to (1) identify the skills needed by local high-tech and advanced manufacturing companies in order to build capacity through creating a qualified workforce, (2) identify those occupations that have the strongest demand for more skilled workers, (3) provide training and individualized career pathways to unemployed, underemployed and transitioning workers through mobile technical skills training, and (4) offer on-the-job training and mentoring to ensure employment success... success in jobs that each participant knows is waiting for them before they ever enter the training phases. The multi-phased training program is individually designed to meet specific employer requirements for not only their equipment, but for the employees they need to hire to run that equipment. This program will train the employees to be employer-specific and provide certification for each trainee as well as a clearly defined career path. This program eliminates the reliance on foreign workers and provides well-qualified employees to manufacturers who are ready to hire them.
<b>Grant Award Amount</b>	\$3,992,908
<b>Populations to be Served</b>	Long-term unemployed, unemployed and underemployed
<b>Key Partners</b>	Central Massachusetts Workforce Investment Board (CMWIB) and the North Central Workforce Investment Board (NCWIB); Quinsigamond Community College; One-Stop Career Centers; Worcester Polytechnic Institute; Voke-Tech High Schools and the Division of Apprenticeship Training; Mt. Wachusett Community College; Worcester Technical High School
<b>Location of Grant Activities</b>	Worcester County (Central and North Central) Massachusetts
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<b>Applicant Name</b>	Midlands Technical College
<b>Project Name</b>	<i>Growing Resources for Information Technology (GRIT)</i>
<b>Key Industries</b>	Insurance and Health Information Technology
<b>Project Description</b>	<p><i>Growing Resources for Information Technology (GRIT)</i> builds a training infrastructure to high-growth, high-demand information technology (IT) occupations through a technical skill program that includes on-the-job training (OJT) for all participants. The South Carolina Midlands region is recognized as the place where more health insurance claims are processed than anywhere else in the United States (two million per day). This success transformed the region into a global insurance technology force, spawning more than 30 unique insurance-related subsidiaries, and attracting ten new computer systems design and service firms seeking to tap into the insurance technology market. <i>GRIT</i> addresses training for the top three target occupations needed which account for 1,616 or 74% of the total demand reported by employers. These occupations form the foundation for the more advanced skills. Projected job openings confirm a growth of nearly 4,900 by 2018 and local job listings show 1,177 positions available. The need to develop local talent is evidenced in the number of H-1B visa applications for these IT occupations. A total of 62 H-1B Visas or 27% of all 233 applications were for these IT occupations in the service area, almost 10 percentage points higher than the state share.</p>
<b>Grant award amount</b>	\$5,000,000
<b>Populations to be served</b>	Unemployed veterans, minorities, women and others
<b>Key Partners</b>	<p>Midlands Technical College (MTC), as the lead partner, is joined by Central Carolina Technical College expanding the service area of <i>GRIT</i> to seven counties representing 20% of the state’s population, 22% of the veteran population, and 43,087 unemployed workers, nearly 500 of whom are displaced IT workers with a college education. The region is home to three significant military bases and the SC National Guard headquarters. Partners in the <i>GRIT</i> program have been strategically selected to aid in program design and strengthen the recruitment process for diversification as well as provide OJT opportunities including: Midlands Workforce Development Board (required) and the Santee-Lynches Workforce Investment Board (required); trade associations (required) - the Black Data Processing Associates, iTs SC, the Greater Columbia Chamber of Commerce Information Technology Council, EngenuitySC and IT-oLogy; 18 employer partners, 11 of which are members of the iTs SC, and seven from the healthcare IT industry, all of which have signed the Partner Letter documenting their involvement in the program design process and</p>

	<p>their willingness to provide OJT and employment opportunities for <i>GRIT</i> students.</p> <p>Additionally, the University of South Carolina’s Risk and Insurance Management Department is providing subject matter expertise and senior-level students to serve on capstone project teams with GRIT students.</p>
<b>Location of Grant activities</b>	7 county area in South Carolina including: Lexington, Fairfield, Richland, Kershaw, Lee, Sumter, Clarendon
<b>Contact Information</b>	MTC Resource Development Office: (803) 822-3588

<b>Applicant Name</b>	New Jersey Institute of Technology
<b>Project Name</b>	Northern New Jersey Information Technology and Professional Scientific and Technical Services (STEM) Career Development Project
<b>Key Industries</b>	IT and STEM industries
<b>Project Description</b>	<p>This Northern New Jersey Information Technology (IT) and Professional Scientific and Technical Services (STEM) Career Development Project will deliver training leading to IT and STEM industry certifications and credentials and help overcome skill shortages for workers in related high-growth occupations.</p> <p>Unemployed individuals will receive training in partner colleges and referred to high-wage IT and STEM jobs through One-Stop Career Centers.</p> <p>Business partners will assess current skills gaps and identify employees who will advance their skills through training received in the partner colleges. It is important that these employees continually upgrade their technical skills and knowledge of industry tools and processes so they are prepared for new requirements.</p>
<b>Grant Award Amount</b>	\$ 5,000,000
<b>Populations to be Served</b>	Unemployed , Long-Term Unemployed and incumbents
<b>Key Partners</b>	Rutgers University Newark, Bergen Community College, Essex County College, Hudson County Community College, County College of Morris, Passaic County Community College, The City of Newark, Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Morris, and Passaic County Workforce Investment Boards and affiliated One-Stop Career Centers, IBM, AT&T, Creston Electronics, The Newark Alliance, The New Jersey Technology Council, The Commerce and Industry Association of New Jersey
<b>Location of Grant Activities</b>	NJ Congressional Districts – 005, 007, 008, 009, 010, 011, 013 - including Bergen, Essex, Passaic, Morris, and Hudson Counties, and the City of Newark
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<b>Applicant Name:</b>	Northeast Iowa Community College
<b>Project Name</b>	Skill Up—Up-skilling IT in Iowa & Wisconsin
<b>Key Industries</b>	Advanced Manufacturing, Professional & Business Services, Healthcare
<b>Project Description</b>	Skill Up is a comprehensive IT training solution for the Greater Dubuque area. Primary activities include the following: 1) incumbent worker training and unemployed worker training, 2) classroom occupational training, 3) customized training for employers or groups of employers, 4) curriculum development, 5) articulation agreement development, 6) supportive services that enable individuals to participate in training, 7) assessment of area skillshed and evaluation of project impact
<b>Grant Award Amount</b>	\$4,870,648
<b>Populations to be Served</b>	Incumbent workers, unemployed
<b>Key Partners</b>	Greater Dubuque Development Corporation, Northeast Iowa Community College (applicant), Clarke University, Loras College, and Southwest Wisconsin Technical College, Iowa Region 1 Employment and Training and Southwest Wisconsin Workforce Development Board, Curwood, HyPro Incorporated, Cabela's, Westmark Enterprises, Inc., Scot Industries—Bar Plant, Bemis Flexible Packaging: Milprint Division, Medical Associates Clinics and Health Plans, IBM Corporation, John Deere Dubuque Works, Cottingham & Butler Insurance Services, Eagle Windows & Door, Rentech Energy Partners, Nu-Pak, Heartland Financial USA, Dubuque Data Services, Rayovac, and 3M Corporation
<b>Location of Grant Activities</b>	Northeast Iowa; Southwest Wisconsin
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<b>Applicant Name</b>	Northwest Regional Workforce Investment Board, Inc. (NRWIB)
<b>Project Name</b>	Connecticut Information Technology and Advanced Manufacturing (ITAM) Advanced Skills to Career Sectoral Training Project
<b>Key Industries</b>	Information Technology (IT) and Advanced Manufacturing
<b>Project Description</b>	Project partners will conduct skill-gap analysis and training for incumbent workers in high-skilled occupations in the Information Technology and Advanced Manufacturing industries. The strategy will target skill enhancement and competency training in areas such as project and change management, leadership, risk management, web technology, IT software, hardware, computer information systems, engineer design/application, health information management, lean manufacturing, and CNC/milling operations. Training outcomes will result in industry-recognized credentials including: IBM Business Analytics Certification, Connectivity and Integration Certification, Lotus, Tivoli, Oracle, Automated Manufacturing Engineering Certification, MOVE-Lean Principles Certification, and Six Sigma.
<b>Grant Award Amount</b>	\$5,000,000
<b>Populations to be Served</b>	Incumbent workers, long-term unemployed, and veterans. Most participants will have a bachelor’s degree or higher, although some may have an associate degree with significant work experience.
<b>Key Partners</b>	Gar-Kenyon, Global Steering, Unimetal, BNB Manufacturing, University of Connecticut, Northwest Connecticut Community College, Naugatuck Valley Community College, Cigna, IBM, Barden Corporation, Ward Leonard, and Waterbury Hospital
<b>Location of Grant Activities</b>	Northwestern and Waterbury, CT
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<b>Applicant Name</b>	Northwest State Community College - OH
<b>Project Name</b>	innovative Strategic Training Achieving Results (iSTAR)
<b>Key Industries</b>	IT
<b>Project Description</b>	Career Coaches will recruit, assess and support unemployed and long-term unemployed workers to enter an intensive 16 week, cohort based, Information Technology course at NSCC. This course credits 22 hours as well as embeds 3 industry-recognized IT credentials. At the completion of the 16 week training, employer partners will engage the participants in On-the-Job-Training (OJT) for another 18 weeks. Participants will be offered support to gain additional credentials during and after the 2 Northwest State Community College OJT is complete. The iSTAR program career pathway model has been piloted at NSCC with employer partner Ruralogic in the past year (2010-2011) with over a 90% completion and hire success rate. iSTAR will strengthen the established model with the addition of a broader employer base and Career Coaches to focus on the long-term unemployed in northwest Ohio.
<b>Grant Award Amount</b>	\$5,000,000
<b>Populations to be Served</b>	Unemployed and Long-Term Unemployed
<b>Key Partners</b>	WSOS Community Action Commission, Inc: Center for Innovative Food Technologies (CIFT): Northwest State Community College, WSOS Community Action Commission, Inc., Center for Innovative Food Technology (an Ohio Thomas Edison Program), CIFT member employers, and Ruralogic, Inc.
<b>Location of Grant Activities</b>	OH Congressional Districts - 4th District, 5th District, 9th District
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<b>Applicant Name</b>	Northwest Wisconsin Concentrated Employment Program, Inc. on behalf of Northwest Wisconsin Workforce Investment Board, Inc.
<b>Project Name</b>	Health Care and Regional Employment project (CARE)
<b>Key Industries</b>	Health Care and Allied Health
<b>Project Description</b>	The CARE project will support On-the-Job Training (OJT) in healthcare career pathway occupations such as medical and health services managers, registered nurses, occupational therapists, physical therapists, speech language pathologists, medical and clinical laboratory technologists, and healthcare practitioners and technical workers. Since some of the targeted occupations have multiple levels of certification as options along the career pathway, the project manager will work with both participants and employers to develop individualized OJT plans and contracts. Participants will be paid while engaged in productive work that provides knowledge or skills essential to performance of the job while taking into account the level of training content, prior work experience, and the participant's healthcare training focus.
<b>Grant Award Amount</b>	\$ 4,758,656
<b>Populations to be Served</b>	Unemployed and underemployed individuals
<b>Key Partners</b>	Rusk County Memorial Hospital and Nursing Home, Memorial Health Center, Memorial Medicine Center, Aurora Health Care, Oshkosh, Aspirus, Inc., Agnesian Health Care, Spooner Health System, Riverview Hospital Association, Burnett Medical Center, Golden Living Center, Fox Valley Workforce Development Board, North Central Wisconsin Workforce Development Board
<b>Location of Grant Activities</b>	Northwest Wisconsin: Adams, Ashland, Bayfield, Burnett, Calumet, Douglas, Fond Du Lac, Forest, Green Lake, Iron, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Oneida, Outagamie, Portage, Price, Rusk, Sawyer, Taylor, Vilas, Washburn, Waupaca, Waushara, Winnebago, and Wood counties
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<b>Applicant Name</b>	Ohio University
<b>Project Name</b>	The Nursing Education and Retraining for Success (NEARS) Project
<b>Key Industries</b>	Healthcare (Nursing)
<b>Project Description</b>	This project will serve 204 unemployed and long-term unemployed individuals through four career pathways in health care resulting in nursing degrees at the Associates, Bachelors, or Master's degree levels, and job placement. The program will serve those in the Appalachian Counties of Southeastern Ohio. This area has a critical nursing shortage.
<b>Grant award amount</b>	\$4,989,080
<b>Populations to be served</b>	Unemployed and long-term unemployed
<b>Key Partners</b>	Ohio University, One-Stop Career Centers in Southeastern Ohio, County Veterans Offices, AMVETS Career Centers, Adena Heath System, Ross County Veterans Affairs Medical Center, SE Ohio Regional Medical Center, King's Daughters Medical Center, The Laurels of Athens, O'Bleness Memorial Hospital
<b>Location of Grant Activities</b>	Appalachian Counties of Southeastern Ohio
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<b>Applicant Name</b>	Oregon Manufacturing Extension Partnership (OMEP)
<b>Project Name</b>	Portland-Vancouver Workforce Collaborative - Metro In-Sourcing Training Initiative (MISTI)
<b>Key Industries</b>	Information Technology and Manufacturing
<b>Project Description</b>	The project partners will customize training activities for new workers, incumbent workers, minority-women entrepreneurs, and next-generation manufacturing leaders. Specific training will focus on Advanced Manufacturing, Information Technology, and Management and General Manufacturing occupations. Industry-identified skill upgrade training will be provided through classroom and customized training models, both on-site at local training institutions, and through online and distance learning strategies. In most cases, training options will include short-term certificate programs, but in limited instances, may involve longer-term degree completion coursework.
<b>Grant Award Amount</b>	\$5,000,000
<b>Populations to be Served</b>	Incumbent and Long-Term Unemployed middle-skilled workers with priority given to veterans and minorities currently or formerly employed in the target industries and occupations. Special emphasis will also be placed on providing skill upgrade training for women since they are underrepresented in information technology and engineering careers.
<b>Key Partners</b>	IBM, ESCO, TriQuint Semiconductor, Frito Lay, SEH America, Linear Technology, Logitech, NW Natural Products, Silicon Forest Electronics, Weyerhaeuser, Worksystems, Inc., SW Washington Development Council, WorkSource, and Portland Metro
<b>Location of Grant Activities</b>	Northwest Oregon and Southwest Washington including Congressional Districts, Oregon 1, 3, 5 and Washington, 3
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<b>Applicant Name</b>	Pacific Systems, Incorporated
<b>Project Name</b>	Putting Georgia to Work Program (PGWP)
<b>Key Industries</b>	Information Technology and High Technology
<b>Project Description</b>	Pacific Systems Inc. and its subsidiary the Pacific Institute of Technology is proposing funding for the putting Georgia to Work Program (PGWP), located in metro Atlanta and covering the state of Georgia. PGWP will provide a solution to high-growth skill shortages by offering 800 workers (620 long-term unemployed and 120 underemployed) training and/or an industry credential in information technology (IT) to re-employ displaced workers and impact under-employed workers not capturing positions aligned with their education or experiences by providing skills in rapidly changing, globally competitive technology fields.
<b>Grant Award Amount</b>	\$4,966,308
<b>Populations to be Served</b>	Long-term unemployed and under-employed
<b>Key Partners</b>	Women’s Economic Development Agency, Entrepreneur Development Network, Spartan Technologies, Inc
<b>Location of Grant Activities</b>	McDonough, Georgia
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<b>Applicant Name</b>	Pasco-Hernando Workforce Board, Inc.
<b>Project Name</b>	The Pasco-Hernando Technical Skills Training Grant Program
<b>Key Industries</b>	Healthcare/Nursing
<b>Project Description</b>	<p>To meet the region's growing need for certified healthcare professionals and health care instructors, this program will provide three career pathways leading to industry-recognized credentials for employed and unemployed jobseekers. The three pathways are 1) Generic Associate Degree in Nursing for those with minimal healthcare experience; 2) Transition Associate Degree in Nursing Program for Licensed Professional Nurses and Paramedics for mid-level healthcare professionals to receive credit for prior learning and experience and completing their Associate degree; and 3) Associate Degree in Nursing/Master of Science in Nursing Program affords experienced Registered Nurses the opportunity to gain advanced credentials and move into management and instructional roles.</p> <p>The Preceptor Program component will also provide up to 48 Graduate Student Nurses paid work experience for 36 hours per week for up to eight weeks earning \$28.80/hr.</p>
<b>Grant award amount</b>	\$ 1,836,082
<b>Populations to be served</b>	Unemployed workers, veterans, long-term unemployed, underemployed workers
<b>Proposed Outcomes</b>	In addition to education and employment outcomes for program participants, Pasco and Hernando Counties will benefit from health care workers with more advanced skills. Registered nursing is the fastest growing occupation in the region and is anticipated to increase further with the aging population.
<b>Key Partners</b>	HMA Brooksville Regional Hospital, HMA Spring Hill Regional Hospital, Pasco Hernando Community College
<b>Location of Grant activities</b>	Florida - Pasco and Hernando Counties
<b>Contact Information</b>	Pasco-Hernando Workforce Board, Inc. (352) 596-2221

<b>Applicant Name</b>	Regional Center for Workforce Excellence
<b>Project Name</b>	Intelligence in Security and Technology
<b>Key Industries</b>	Management analysts, logisticians, operations managers, financial analysts, computer & information research scientists, network systems & data communications analysts, security analysts, emergency management specialists, computer support specialists, and other analytical occupations across multiple industry sectors
<b>Project Description</b>	<p>With so many United States companies now operating in the context of global markets, employers increasingly must have the ability to analyze opportunities for competitiveness. Analysts, researchers, and specialists require training in advanced mathematics, modern computer software systems used for analysis, research techniques, and specialized tools related to intelligence jobs. These “knowledge workers” provide the crucial analysis necessary for innovation and increased efficiencies. In Northwest Pennsylvania, long-term unemployed with strong educational backgrounds and years of work experience may not know how this career pathway can capitalize on their background skills to ensure they secure and retain the jobs of the future. As evidenced by the H-1B visa occupations currently in-demand, we must build our ability to respond to the increasing need for analysts and strategic managers across sectors.</p> <p>This program will utilize the one-stop system and workforce investment network to conduct targeted outreach to long-term unemployed workers who have more advanced education, then provide orientations to intelligence careers. All potential participants will complete WorkKeys assessments to gauge competency levels. Along with assessment results, case managers will assist individuals to determine if they are adequately prepared to begin an Associate’s Degree program in Security &amp; Technology or may be suited to enter an online Graduate Certification program. The Associate’s Degree curriculum will be developed into online modules to increase accessibility and geographic reach for this nationally in-demand training.</p>
<b>Grant Award Amount</b>	\$1,199,050
<b>Populations to be Served</b>	Unemployed, underemployed, long-term unemployed, veterans
<b>Key Partners</b>	Mercyhurst College Institute for Intelligence Studies, Northwest Pennsylvania CareerLink and One-Stop partners, Erie Regional

	Chamber & Growth Partnership, Northwest PA Industrial Resource Center, Northwest PA Rapid Response, Phoenix Idea Labs, Velocity.net, Keystone Research Corporation, North Coast Plastics, KD Industries, and Lake Erie Biofuels
<b>Location of Grant Activities</b>	Meadville, Pennsylvania
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<b>Applicant Name</b>	River Valley Community College
<b>Project Name</b>	Skills Through Apprenticeship & Retraining (STAR) On-The-Job Training (OJT) Initiative
<b>Key Industries</b>	Advanced Manufacturing
<b>Project Description</b>	The Initiative is based on an OJT strategy that consists of fifteen career pathway sessions conducted over a four-year period. The project partners will recruit Long-Term Unemployed and underemployed individuals and provide both short and long-term education and employment in advanced manufacturing. Selected participants will earn stackable credentials valued by employers and simultaneously enter rewarding careers in advanced manufacturing that lead to increasingly higher levels of education and employment. Individuals will earn up to 41 college credits and a Certificate of Advanced Machine Tool Technology, all transferable to an Associate Degree or a Bachelor's Degree. Other credentials include a Certificate of Completion for CNC Machine Operator Apprenticeship.
<b>Grant Award Amount</b>	\$4,998,775
<b>Populations to be Served</b>	Unemployed and underemployed workers including Long-Term Unemployed, veterans, women and minorities
<b>Key Partners</b>	NH Workforce Investment Board, NH Department of Resources and Economic Development, NH Office of Workforce Opportunity, NH Works One-Stop Delivery System, NH Department of Employment Security, NH Department of Labor, State Apprenticeship Council and Bureau of Apprenticeship, Community College System of New Hampshire, River Valley Workforce Institute of Lebanon, NH, Hypertherm of Hanover, NH, Timken Aerospace of Lebanon, NH
<b>Location of Grant Activities</b>	New Hampshire, Sullivan and Grafton Counties
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<b>Applicant Name</b>	San Jacinto Community College District (SJCCD)
<b>Project Name</b>	Information Technology Training for Tomorrow (IT3) Project
<b>Key Industries</b>	Information Technology
<b>Project Description</b>	<p>The <i>Information Technology Training for Tomorrow (IT3) Project</i> to train 2,540 long-term unemployed and incumbent workers in intermediate and higher level training, particularly in information security. Together with its partners, the college proposes to meet local industry needs with IT security, mid-level IT training, and IT soft skills training.</p> <p>With 5,875 long-term unemployed with college degrees currently in the metropolitan area and 4,000 current and scheduled layoffs of NASA’s Johnson Space Center and industry-related contractors, the project will recruit 540 of these long-term unemployed for IT training. Many are aerospace engineers and project managers that have educational credentials, but no recent training in areas that are now in demand. It will also work with IBM, LM, MEIT and other companies in the area to train 2,000 incumbent workers who need to advance in their profession. All incumbents will be chosen from IT occupations for which the metropolitan area has employed 3,083 certified H-1B visa holders.</p>
<b>Grant Award Amount</b>	\$4,996,100
<b>Populations to be Served</b>	Long-term unemployed, incumbent workers
<b>Key Partners</b>	The Gulf Coast Workforce Board (Houston-Galveston Area Council H-GAC), The Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership (BAHEP), IBM Corporation, Lockheed Martin Corporation (LM), and MEI Technologies, Inc. (MEIT)

<b>Location of Grant Activities</b>	Houston and Harris County, Texas
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<b>Applicant Name</b>	Shenandoah Valley Workforce Investment Board
<b>Project Name</b>	Valley Workforce On-the -Job Training (OJT) Initiative
<b>Key Industries</b>	Health Care and Advanced Manufacturing
<b>Project Description</b>	<p>The project will address the needs of targeted high-growth and H-1B visa occupations in health care and advanced manufacturing. This initiative will offer OJT training and related supplemental training for the Long-Term Unemployed (LTU), Underemployed, dislocated and Unemployed worker. Specific training activities related to the training strategy include three training approaches, with the primary strategy being on-the-job training to be provided for every participant.</p> <p>To support this effort, the second type of training includes supplemental training, which may include classroom occupational training, contextualized learning, and hybrid learning through community colleges and/or technical centers. Additional training strategies offer a wrap around, supportive approach to training as the foundation for sustained employment and include education provider delivered training prior to OJT and/or during OJT in support of employer provided training.</p>
<b>Grant Award Amount</b>	\$5,000,000
<b>Populations to be Served</b>	Long-Term Unemployed (LTU), Underemployed and Unemployed
<b>Key Partners</b>	Western Virginia Development Board (Area 3); New River/Mount Rogers Workforce Investment Area Consortium Board; Lord Fairfax Community College; Dabney S. Lancaster Community College; Blue Ridge Community College; the Shenandoah Valley Partnership; Virginia Department of Labor and Industry - Registered Apprenticeships; Valley Health Systems; Lewis Gale-Alleghany Hospital; MeadWestvaco Corporation; Monoflo International; O'Sullivan® Films, Inc.; Interbake Foods LLC, HP Hood LLC, and Kraft Foods.
<b>Location of Grant Activities</b>	Virginia- Counties: Augusta, Bath, Clarke, Frederick, Highland, Page, Rockbridge, Rockingham, Shenandoah, Warren, Alleghany, Botetourt, Craig, Franklin, Roanoke, Bland, Carroll, Floyd, Giles, Grayson, Montgomery, Pulaski, Smyth, Washington, Wythe -Cities: Buena Vista, Harrisonburg, Lexington, Staunton, Waynesboro, Winchester, Covington, Roanoke, Salem, Bristol, Galax, Radford
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<b>Applicant Name</b>	Tampa Bay Workforce Alliance, Inc.
<b>Project Name</b>	Tampa Bay Hi-Tech Training (HITT) Program
<b>Key Industries</b>	Information Technology and Telecommunications
<b>Project Description</b>	Based on employer input, the program will expand the scope and content of IT education and training offered in the region for incumbent and unemployed adults. Additionally, the Florida Department of Education, Bureau of Apprenticeship is developing an IT Apprenticeship training program for the region. Based on assessment results, formal education or employer-specific training will be provided by AT&T, IBM, and others.
<b>Grant award amount</b>	\$3,857,898
<b>Populations to be served</b>	Unemployed; Long-Term unemployed; Underemployed, incumbent workers, veterans, minorities, women
<b>Key Partners</b>	Worknet Pinellas, Inc., St. Petersburg College, Hillsborough Community College, Florida Department of Education – Career and Adult Education, Tampa Bay Technology Leadership Association, IBM, AT&T, Ceridian
<b>Location of Grant activities</b>	West-Central Florida – the Counties of Hillsborough, Hernando, Manatee, Pinellas, Polk, Pasco, and Sarasota.
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<b>Applicant Name</b>	TechAmerica Foundation
<b>Project Name</b>	Training Skilled Workers for Jobs in Maryland & Virginia's Information Sector
<b>Key Industries</b>	Information Technology
<b>Project Description</b>	The innovative and proven Training Strategy 1) provides comprehensive job coaching; 2) matches an industry mentor to each trainee; 3) establishes an on-line training model proven to accelerate completion and prepare trainees for job success and rapid promotion; 4) provides an accelerated classroom-based occupational training program that allows for academic credit and non-credit options; 5) delivers workplace courses incorporating proven strategies that foster success for diverse audiences; and 6) creates an integrated career pathway that allows for multiple customizable options for progressive training and career mobility. This program will build a sustainable capacity to provide ongoing training in defined career pathways that result in industry credentials/certifications, and/or the pathway to receive an Associate or Bachelor degrees, and a continuum for skill upgrades with stackable credentials resulting in stable employment, increased income and a reduction in the number of requested H-1B Visas in the northern Virginia and southern Maryland region.
<b>Grant award amount</b>	\$4,993,403; Matching \$2,496,702
<b>Populations to be served</b>	Dislocated/unemployed/Long-Term unemployed, incumbents
<b>Key Partners</b>	<b>1) Business Related Non-Profit Organizations:</b> Maryland Technology Council, Virginia Technology Council, and TechAmerica; <b>2) Education &amp; Training:</b> Anne Arundel Community College, George Mason University, and Saisoft, Inc.; <b>3) Workforce Investment System &amp; Economic Development Agencies:</b> Prince George's County Economic Development Corporation, Anne Arundel Workforce Development Corporation, and Northern Virginia Workforce Investment Board; <b>4) Employers:</b> Lockheed Martin, IBM, Arrowpoint Corporation, HMS Technologies, and Herdt Consulting
<b>Location of Grant activities</b>	Southern Maryland and northern Virginia
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<b>Applicant Name</b>	The Junior College District of Metropolitan Kansas City, Missouri dba Metropolitan Community College (MCC)
<b>Project Name</b>	Earn IT & Learn IT in KC
<b>Key Industries</b>	IT and engineers
<b>Project Description</b>	<p>The project is designed to address specific skill gaps and shortages in H-1B occupations within high growth industries. Innovative OJT training models will be utilized by educational partners in collaboration with local business partners to provide paths for direct employment and advancement into H-1B visa level occupations.</p> <p>Specifically, the project will deliver IT OJT training to 360 individuals and supported by significant outreach/recruiting activities to attract candidates to H-1B level positions over the four-year grant period. This program seeks to expand traditional OJT models by offering skills gap training for participants who would not otherwise qualify for open positions, ensuring success in employment. This will both expand employer pipelines and offer displaced workers whose potential is great, but whose skills are outdated, an opportunity to qualify for high wage jobs that are available now. One employer alone has plans to hire 2,000 IT professionals over the next four years.</p>
<b>Grant Award Amount</b>	\$5,000,000
<b>Populations to be Served</b>	Long-term Unemployed, other unemployed, and veterans
<b>Key Partners</b>	Metropolitan Community College (MCC); Kansas City Kansas Community College; Metropolitan Community College; Kansas City Kansas Community College; Workforce Partnership; Full Employment Council; Cerner Corporation, Truman Medical Centers; Digital Ally; and Clay County Economic Development Council
<b>Location of Grant Activities</b>	Kansas City, MO
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<b>Applicant Name</b>	The Research Foundation of SUNY, College of Environmental Science and Forestry
<b>Project Name</b>	Enhancing American Jobs and Global Competitiveness: A Collaborative Initiative in Sustainable Materials and Manufacturing
<b>Key Industries</b>	Advanced manufacturing (NAICS 31-33) and professional, scientific, and technical industries (NAICS 54)
<b>Project Description</b>	<p>We will train U.S. workers in sustainable materials and manufacturing (SMM), specifically in the area of radiation curing of resins. Radiation curing processes (ultraviolet light and electron beam) are an innovative and a growing advanced manufacturing arena that in 2012 represented a \$1 billion/year industry in the North America. These new technologies require specialized training but despite substantial sector growth, requisite training is severely limited in the U.S. This emerging field and related technologies have applications to industries such as aerospace and defense, automotive, commercial printing, electronics, building products, medical devices, fiber optics, packaging, and sporting goods.</p> <p>To meet documented need for U.S. workers to acquire knowledge and skills appropriate to the demand for jobs in SMM, we combine distance-learning and hands-on training comprised of two core components: (1) a post-baccalaureate online Certificate in Radiation Curing of Resins (including graduate courses, an externship, and a professional development webinar series), and (2) an industry-recognized Certified Production Technician credential.</p>
<b>Grant Award Amount</b>	\$1,387,104
<b>Populations to be Served</b>	Incumbent workers, Under- or Unemployed (including Long-Term Unemployed) and veterans
<b>Key Partners</b>	Manufacturers Association of Central New York (MACNY); RadTech International North America National; New York State Department of Labor; Rapid Cure Technologies, Inc. ; The Manufacturing Institute (TMI); Onondaga County Workforce Central New York Technology Development Organization (TDO) Center State Corporation for Economic Opportunity (CenterState CEO); New York Academy of Sciences (NYAS); Partners for Education & Business (PEB); New York State Energy Research Development Authority (NYSERDA)
<b>Location of Grant Activities</b>	The State of New York and nationwide
<b>Contact Information</b>	Dr. Charles M. Spuches, Associate Provost for Outreach - SUNY ESF cspuches@esf.edu 315-470-6810

<b>Applicant Name</b>	The University of West Florida, Pensacola, Florida
<b>Project Name</b>	Florida HIRE ED: Complete to Compete
<b>Key Industries</b>	Health IT
<b>Project Description</b>	Florida HIRE ED participants will earn industry certificates and associate degrees with portable skills recognized by employers nation-wide. The long-term unemployed and veterans will be given priority enrollment in the proposed certificate and associate degree programs. Florida HIRE ED will accelerate the pathway to employment for those who successfully complete the education and training program. Project strategies include the creation of accelerated, intensely supported training opportunities for participants to compete for promising occupations in information technology and healthcare—high-growth industries regionally and nationally. Florida HIRE ED training opportunities will be followed by unpaid, supported internships and preceptorships that connect participants to the workplace and lead to a job. Florida HIRE ED, through the combined efforts of Chipola College and the Washington Holmes Technical Center, will increase regional healthcare capacity by establishing an RN-BRIDGE which enables LPNs and Paramedics to advance up the career path to become RNs. The program will accelerate incumbent healthcare workers into high skilled, high wage jobs in great demand in our region.
<b>Grant Award Amount</b>	\$3,945,528
<b>Populations to be Served</b>	Unemployed and Underemployed including Veterans and Long-Term Unemployed
<b>Key Partners</b>	Chipola College; Washington-Holmes Technical Center; Chipola Regional Workforce Board; Okaloosa-Walton Workforce Board; Jackson Hospital; Chipola Pavilion; Marianna Health and Rehab; Signature Healthcare; FastLane Computers; J&P Khamken; GSC Systems; FL Department of Transportation
<b>Location of Grant Activities</b>	FL Congressional District - 001: Counties: Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Walton, Holmes, Washington
<b>Contact Information</b>	WF Office of Research and Sponsored Programs Telephone: 850-474-2825

<b>Applicant Name</b>	The Workforce Alliance
<b>Project Name</b>	South Central & Eastern CT STEM OJT Initiative
<b>Key Industries</b>	Information Technology, Engineering, Advanced Manufacturing
<b>Project Description</b>	This initiative will provide On-the-Job Training (OJT) to 361 long-term unemployed workers in high-growth, high-skill occupations in the fields of Information Technology, Engineering and Advanced Manufacturing in the South Central and Eastern Workforce Investment Areas of Connecticut. Initiative partners will recruit qualified long-term unemployed workers and match them with participating OJT employers seeking workers with their skills. Employers will hire the participants as full-time, regular employees and will provide them with an average of 16 weeks of On-the-Job Training. Training will develop the employees' skills to match the specific needs of the employer and will be customized for each employee according to an OJT contract developed by the employer, employee and Workforce Investment Board partner. In consideration of this training, the Initiative will reimburse the employer for 50-75% of the employee's wages during the training period. It will also provide support services as needed to employees to help them overcome barriers that might prevent successful completion of the OJT program.
<b>Grant award amount</b>	\$4,970,000
<b>Populations to be served</b>	High-skilled unemployed (75% Long-Term unemployed), 10% veterans
<b>Key Partners</b>	<b>Workforce Investment Boards:</b> Workforce Alliance, Eastern CT Workforce Investment Board ; <b>Educational Institutions:</b> Gateway Community College (CC), Middlesex CC, Three Rivers CC, Quinebaug Valley CC; <b>Employer Partners:</b> General Dynamics/Electric Boat, SIP Energy Solutions, Advanced Turbine Systems, Retail Optimization, Inc., General Cable Corp.; <b>Employer Consortia/Business-related Non-profits:</b> Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce, Greater Meriden Chamber of Commerce, Quinnipiac Chamber of Commerce, Chamber of Commerce of Eastern CT, Middlesex Chamber of Commerce, Northeastern CT Chamber of Commerce, CT Technology Council; <b>Economic Development Organizations:</b> REX Dev., Southeastern CT Enterprise Region, Economic Development Corp. of New Haven, Northeast CT Economic Alliance
<b>Location of Grant activities</b>	South Central and Eastern Connecticut (New Haven, CT)
<b>Contact Information</b>	Workforce Alliance 203-867-4030 www.workforcealliance.biz

<b>Applicant Name</b>	University of Central Florida
<b>Project Name</b>	Central Florida - STEM Training Consortium (CF-STEM)
<b>Key Industries</b>	Engineering, IT
<b>Project Description</b>	<p>Even with a degree, science and technology workers must acquire in-depth knowledge of engineering or business software tools, technical engineering, and business processes, or other industry specific knowledge to move along their career pathways. The Central Florida – STEM Training Consortium will invest in four critical states of Orlando’s workforce designed to help individuals attain the knowledge skills needed to obtain and retain jobs in high-growth, high paying science and technology fields.</p> <p>The CF-STEM initiative proposes to deploy four primary strategies to address the job marketplace’s underlying educational and skills deficits that result in unemployment and H-1B hiring: 1) STEM Bootcamp Internships; 2) EXCEL STEM Internships; 3) STEM Incubator Management Development Program; and 4) Incumbent Worker Training.</p> <p>Participants in the STEM Bootcamp and EXCEL internships will receive invaluable on-the-job training during their time with employer partners. Bootcamp participants will receive training to directly address their skill gaps and credentialing needs required for employment in a high-level, H-1B occupation.</p>
<b>Grant Award Amount</b>	\$5,000,000
<b>Populations to be Served</b>	Unemployed, Long-Term Unemployed, and incumbents
<b>Key Partners</b>	University of Central Florida, AT&T, Lockheed Martin, Workforce Central Florida, STEM Incubation-Stage Small businesses

<b>Location of Grant Activities</b>	FL Congressional Districts - 003, 007, 008, 012, 015, 024: Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford, Florida Metropolitan Statistical Area including the following counties – Lake, Orange, Osceola, Seminole and Sumter
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<b>Applicant Name</b>	The AFL-CIO Working for America Institute, Inc. (WAI)
<b>Project Name</b>	Apprenticeship Credentials for Manufacturing Careers
<b>Key Industries</b>	Advanced Manufacturing
<b>Project Description</b>	This project will provide pre-apprenticeship training, followed by OJT that will transition into advanced standing in a new manufacturing technician apprenticeship program. Both the pre-apprenticeship and the Registered Apprenticeship content will be based on the nationally recognized Manufacturing Skills Standards Certifications. This program will focus on placing participants into pre-apprenticeship training with placements into Registered manufacturing Apprenticeship opportunities. Each trainee will receive up to 18 months of services, including a flexible duration pre-apprenticeship classroom training, 2 months of OJT, and 12 months unsubsidized apprenticeship training with case management and supportive services.
<b>Grant Award Amount</b>	\$3,381,000
<b>Populations to be Served</b>	Unemployed
<b>Key Partners</b>	Manufacturing Industry Partnership; Wisconsin Regional Training Partnership (WRTP)/BIG STEP; WI Department of Workforce Development Bureau of Apprenticeship Standards (DWD BAS); Jobs for the Future
<b>Location of Grant Activities</b>	South Wood County WI; Minnesota; Michigan
<b>Contact Information</b>	Jeffrey D. Rickert, Deputy Director (202) 508-3721 <a href="mailto:jrickert@workingforamerica.org">jrickert@workingforamerica.org</a> Auth Rep: Nancy Mills, Executive Director (202) 508-3717

<b>Applicant Name</b>	University of Texas at El Paso School of Nursing
<b>Project Name</b>	Successful Transition and Retention (STaR) Residency Program
<b>Key Industries</b>	Health Care
<b>Project Description</b>	<p>University of Texas at El Paso School of Nursing (UTEPSON) and its grant partners propose an innovative, intensive nurse residency, Successful Transition and Retention (STaR) Residency Program, to train new graduate nurses in the high growth industry of health care, thereby reducing the need for H1B visa workers. The STaR Program will: 1) enhance an intensive on the job training residency curriculum that combines a proactive training approach with a systemic support system (preceptor program), 2) accelerates the transition from novice to expert which is essential for new graduate nurses, 3) supports incumbent workers in a Specialty Nurse Accelerated Training fellowship (SNAP) as they advance along a career pathway, 4) creates opportunities for mid-career nurses to advance by mentoring new graduate nurses in their immersion residency, and 4) offers STaR grant participants certificates of completion for the program, preceptor training, leadership training, continuing education credits and BSN and MSN college credits. The STaR Program responds to the 2010 Institute of Medicine’s recommendation to “implement nurse residency training,” advance skills and prepare/educate nurses to lead change to advance health. The STaR Program does this through its dual scope which focuses on serving newly hired nurses and offering an opportunity for incumbent workers to provide intensive skills and education. STaR will involve multi-media pedagogical strategies, to include classroom instruction, repetitive simulation experiences, and 1:1 hospital-unit based preceptorships. The anticipated outcomes of the STaR Program include the following: 1) 256 new graduate nurses who will obtain a certificate of completion, 2) 228 who will achieve an advanced certificate of completion for the SNAP fellowship, 3) 241 number fully trained preceptors, and 4) an additional 60 preceptors who will receive an advanced preceptor/coach certificate.</p>
<b>Grant Award Amount</b>	\$3,991,880
<b>Populations to be Served</b>	Unemployed and incumbent workers
<b>Key Partners</b>	Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Gayle Greve Hunt School of Nursing, University of Texas at Austin School of Nursing, Austin, Upper Rio Grande Workforce Development Board, Capital Area Workforce Development Board – Austin, Texas, Rural Capital Area Workforce Development Board, Round Rock, Texas, Del Sol Medical Center, Las Palmas Medical Center,

	St. David's HealthCare Partnership L.P., L.L.P
<b>Location of Grant Activities</b>	El Paso, Texas
<b>Contact Information</b>	Office of Research and Sponsored Projects, Research Administration University of Texas at El Paso orspra@utep.edu

<b>Applicant Name</b>	West Los Angeles College
<b>Project Name</b>	Bridging Emerging Advanced Technology (BEAT)
<b>Key Industries</b>	Advanced Manufacturing, Engineering, Information Technology
<b>Project Description</b>	The Bridging Emerging Advanced Technology (BEAT) project will recruit, train, and employ long-term unemployed individuals and veterans and up-skill incumbent workers for high wage, high technology careers in the advanced manufacturing and information technology clusters in Los Angeles County thus reducing overall unemployment and the use of H-1B visas. BEAT will offer certification and/or employer and industry recognized credentials and qualifications to prepare long-term unemployed individuals and veterans for employment by developing their proficiency skills, and advance incumbent workers advancing upward on a successful career pathway in rapidly changing extremely competitive advanced manufacturing and information technology career fields.
<b>Grant award amount</b>	\$4,999,714
<b>Populations to be served</b>	Long-Term unemployed, veterans, incumbent workers
<b>Key Partners</b>	Businesses: AT&T, Northrop Grumman, Lockheed Martin, WellPoint; Education and Training: West Los Angeles College, with assistance from Antelope Valley College and El Camino College; Workforce Investment System: South Bay Workforce Investment Board
<b>Location of Grant activities</b>	Los Angeles County, CA
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<b>Applicant Name</b>	WestEd
<b>Project Name</b>	TechSF
<b>Key Industries</b>	Information (NAICS:51)
<b>Project Description</b>	WestEd and the project partners propose to implement <i>TechSF</i> , an information technology (IT) pathways initiative that will provide unemployed workers and incumbent employees with education, training, and placement and support services in high need/high growth IT industries and occupations, preparing them to enter or advance in positions for which employers currently seek H-1B visas. <i>TechSF</i> will help to address the industry skills gap and develop a more diverse IT workforce by offering 1830 workers the opportunity to earn industry-recognized credentials and degrees and acquire work experience that qualifies them to enter and advance in IT career pathways.
<b>Grant Award Amount</b>	\$5,000,000
<b>Populations to be Served</b>	Unemployed – 75% will be considered long-term unemployed; Incumbent workers
<b>Key Partners</b>	San Francisco Office of Economic and Workforce Development; City College of San Francisco; IBM; AT&T
<b>Location of Grant Activities</b>	San Francisco, California
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<b>Applicant Name</b>	Worker Education and Resource Center, Inc. (WERC)
<b>Project Name</b>	BSN to NP
<b>Key Industries</b>	Health Care
<b>Project Description</b>	<p>The program will provide career pathways for incumbent Registered Nurses (BSNs) to complete the education and training required to become Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Practitioners (NPs). The BSN to NP project will address needs of the complex system of public safety-net hospitals, comprehensive healthcare centers, and community-based clinics that serve medically-indigent residents in Los Angeles, CA. Given the limited supply of both primary care and specialist physicians, Nurse Practitioners will play a critical role in the Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH). To better manage chronic diseases and reduce the frequency of hospital admissions, the PCMH training model addresses the need for care coordination and preventative care for seniors, disabled individuals, and low-income adults. Upon completion, participants will earn the MSN (Master of Science Degree Nursing) and the NP license for CA.</p>
<b>Grant Award Amount</b>	\$1,035,553
<b>Populations to be Served</b>	Bachelor's prepared, incumbent registered nurses (BSN) working with safety-net hospitals and community-based clinics, as well as RNs with clinical experience in one of the targeted sub-specialties such as managing chronic diseases in Los Angeles, CA.
<b>Key Partners</b>	Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science (Drew University), Los Angeles County Department of Health Services
<b>Location of Grant Activities</b>	Los Angeles County, CA including Congressional Districts, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, and 39.
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<b>Applicant Name</b>	Workforce Development Board of Southeast Los Angeles County, Inc.
<b>Project Name</b>	New Nurse Graduate Internship Training Project
<b>Key Industries</b>	Healthcare (Registered Nurses)
<b>Project Description</b>	The Nurse Internship Project is a ten week internship program combining work-based on-the-job training with several hours of didactic instruction. It addresses nine skills gaps prevalent among new nurse graduates who have already completed Associate or Bachelor’s degree programs and achieved California State licensure. Training plans for each participant will address the gap between these existing and required competencies: Knowledge and ability to document accurately, timely, and completely on all assigned patients; Administering medications and intravenous fluids safely and accurately; Operating equipment safely; Working effectively as a multidisciplinary team member; Maintaining patient safety and comfort at all times; Management skills; Prioritization and organization of workload; Critical thinking habits and skills acquisition; Providing quality service to patients, family, other disciplines, and professional role development.
<b>Grant award amount</b>	\$ 2,174,196
<b>Populations to be served</b>	Unemployed (80% Long-Term unemployed), minorities and women
<b>Key Partners</b>	United Nurses Association, Kaiser Permanente
<b>Location of Grant Activities</b>	California - Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside, and San Diego Counties
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<b>Applicant Name</b>	Workforce Solutions for North Central Texas
<b>Project Name</b>	North Texas Information and STEM Professional Accelerated Career Trajectory (IMPACT)
<b>Key Industries</b>	Information Technology (NAICS:51) and STEM – Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services (NAICS: 54)
<b>Project Description</b>	<p>The primary focus of this project is to address the present skills shortage in the IT and STEM industries in the Dallas/Fort Worth Texas region. This project will use training strategies, including customized incumbent worker training. This project will fund the training of 4,151 individuals in courses which lead to certification and/or industry credentials in the IT and STEM industries.</p> <p>This training will allow 3,951 incumbent workers to upgrade their skills and help workers advance in the career pathway thus reducing employer’s reliance on foreign workers. Additionally, 200 long-term unemployed individuals with education and work experience in the IT and STEM industries will be trained through the project to update their skills.</p>
<b>Grant Award Amount</b>	\$4,991,839
<b>Populations to be Served</b>	Incumbent workers; Long-term unemployed
<b>Key Partners</b>	North Central Texas College; AT&T; IBM; Lockheed Martin; Business Control Systems and Labinal
<b>Location of Grant Activities</b>	Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas
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<b>Applicant Name</b>	Wyoming Department of Workforce Services (representing workforce investment systems)

<b>Project Name</b>	Wyoming Health Care Solutions Project
<b>Key Industries</b>	Health Care and Allied Health
<b>Project Description</b>	The project partners will develop allied health career pathways by forming cohort groups to accelerate academic progress through non-semester and flexible scheduling strategies for evening or weekend courses as well as clinical labs. Patient Care career pathways will also rely on cohort groups that incorporate contextualized learning and simulation training. Stackable credentials will ensure that credits transfer across department and programs and from two-year to four-year institutions. To accommodate working adults, Healthcare Information Technology/Medical Administration pathways will utilize on-line courses, self-paced coursework, and competency-based education models. The CLIMB Wyoming component includes On-the-Job Training strategies.
<b>Grant Award Amount</b>	\$4,924,211
<b>Populations to be Served</b>	Unemployed, low-skilled workers, low-income single mothers with children at home, Native Americans, veterans and eligible spouses
<b>Key Partners</b>	Casper Community Health Center, Cheyenne Regional Medical Center, Campbell County Memorial Hospital, St. John's Hospital, Hot Springs County Hospital, Lander Medical Center, Riverton Memorial Hospital, Help for Health Hospice, University of Wyoming Fay W. Whitney School of Nursing, Fremont County Board of Higher Education Services, Laramie County Community College, Central Wyoming College, CLIMB Wyoming
<b>Location of Grant Activities</b>	Wyoming
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