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FEDERAL GRANT OPPORTUNITY

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SUBJECT: U.S. Department of Labor (DOL)
Employment and Training Administration (ETA)
FY 2022 Apprenticeship Building America (ABA) Grant Program

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The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) Employment and Training Administration (ETA) has issued a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the **Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Apprenticeship Building American (ABA) Grant Program** as part of the Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP). There is \$113 million in estimated total program funding. DOL expects to award between 20 to 30 grants. Award sizes range from \$1 million to \$8 million each. The anticipated project period begins July 1, 2022. There is no cost share requirement. The deadline to submit an application is April 25, 2022.

The purpose of the program is to expand the number of apprenticeship programs and apprenticeships offered under RAP, diversify the workforce in industries utilizing RAP, and increase the access to RAPs in underrepresented and underserved communities. Please note there are 4 funding categories available for applicants: 1) grants to modernize and expand existing RAP programs at the state level; 2) grants to expand partnerships with schools, organizations, and industry stakeholders to create more opportunities for youth to enroll in RAP or pre-apprenticeship programs; 3) grants to increase diversity and equity in pre-apprenticeships with pathways to RAP enrollment through public-private partnerships; and 4) grants to form a network of RAP sponsor or intermediary to form a Registered Apprenticeship Hub. Please note that all ABA grant categories must incorporate the following principles: equity, job quality, support for high-quality and sustainable programs, innovative strategies along with improvements to engage underserved and underrepresented communities, and evidenced-based approaches in workforce development.

Please see the eligibility and requirements for each of the four funding categories below:

Category 1: State Apprenticeship System Building and Modernization

Eligible applicants are states, U.S. territories, and the District of Columbia. States are required to partner with federally-recognized State Administrative Agencies (SAAs).

Category 2: Expansion of RAP Opportunities for Youth

Eligible applicants are cities; municipalities; tribal nations; workforce development system entities, agencies, or organizations; community-based organizations; industry groups and associations; labor and joint labor-management partnerships; workforce and apprenticeships intermediaries; educational institutions such as high schools, community colleges; school districts, career and technical education institutions; and a consortium of organizations. Applicants are required to partner with at minimum: two employer sponsors, two intermediary sponsors, or two industry/trade association representing at



least two employer sponsors; education institutions or training providers; and workforce development boards or other entities carrying out WIOA activities. Please note that SAA partnerships are required for programs with local or state-wide geographic range.

Category 3: Ensuring Equitable RAP Pathways Through Pre-apprenticeship Leading to RAP Enrollment and Equity Partnerships

Eligible applicants are cities; municipalities; tribal nations; workforce development system entities, agencies, or organizations; community-based organizations; industry groups and associations; labor and joint labor-management partnerships; workforce and apprenticeships intermediaries; educational institutions such as high schools, community colleges; school districts, career and technical education institutions; and a consortium of organizations. Applicants are required to partner with at minimum: two employer sponsors, two intermediary sponsors, or two industry/trade association representing at least two employer sponsors; one community-based organization, Minority Serving Institution (MSI), or MSI organization/association focused on equity; and workforce development boards or other entities carrying out WIOA activities. Please note that SAA partnerships are required for programs with local or state-wide geographic range.

Category 4: Registered Apprenticeship Hubs

Eligible applicants are cities; workforce development system entities, agencies, or organizations; community-based organizations; industry groups and associations; labor and joint labor-management partnerships; workforce and apprenticeships intermediaries; educational institutions such as high schools, community colleges; school districts, career and technical education institutions; and a consortium of organizations. Applicants are required to partner with a minimum of two employer sponsors or two intermediary sponsors, joint or non-joint employer groups, or industry/trade associations representing at least two employers; one accredited post-secondary education institution; and one workforce association conducting workforce development.

For more information, please see the [NOFO](#) or [Program Website](#). DOL will post a pre-recorded prospective applicant webinar after [March 15, 2022](#). For questions or assistance, you can contact Denise Roach at roach.denise@dol.gov. We would also be glad to make an inquiry on your behalf. Please let us know if you have any interest in this funding opportunity. We look forward to talking with you soon.