Employment Development Department
State of California

INFORMATION NOTICE

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APPRENTICESHIPS: CLOSING THE SKILLS GAPS GRANT OPPORTUNITY

The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), Employment and Training Administration (ETA), published a Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) of approximately $100 million for the Apprenticeship: Closing the Skill Gap grant program. The purpose of this grant program is to promote apprenticeships as a significant workforce solution in filling current job vacancies and closing the skills gap between employer workforce needs and the skills of the current workforce.

The overarching goals of this grant are threefold: (1) to accelerate the expansion of apprenticeships to industry sectors and occupations that have not traditionally deployed apprenticeships for building a skilled workforce; (2) to promote the large-scale expansion of apprenticeships across the nation to a range of employers, including small and medium-sized employers; and (3) to increase apprenticeship opportunities for all Americans.

Grant funds will be awarded to an apprenticeship partnership of public and private sector entities which together seek to develop and implement new apprenticeship models, or expand an existing apprenticeship program to a new industry sector or occupation, a new population, on a local, regional, statewide, or national scale.

For more information about the grant opportunity, please visit the grants.gov website using opportunity # FOA-ETA-19-09-Apprenticeships: Closing the Skill Gap. For a complete description of the funds available, funders, eligibility requirement, and links to the grant application, please visit the DOL/ETA website. The closing date for receipt of applications under this grant opportunity is September 24, 2019.

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