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Opportunity for Program Sponsors:
State Eligible Training Provider Lists

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For Registered Apprenticeship Program Sponsors

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Q1: What is the State Eligible Training Provider (ETP) list?

A1: Federal legislation pertaining to the national workforce system was enacted in July 2014. This new legislation, the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), emphasizes and supports registered apprenticeship (RA) in unprecedented ways, including automatic eligibility for something called the *State Eligible Training Provider List* or state ETP list.

Under WIOA, each state receives federal workforce funds to help youth and adults receive the training and support needed to get and keep quality jobs. The Eligible Training Provider (ETP) list is the mechanism for identifying the training programs (typically classroom training programs) on which specific workforce funds can be spent. The list of ETPs is prominently posted on state and local workforce websites.

This is a new opportunity for the Registered Apprenticeship system. Whether you have two apprentices or 200, the ETP list can help RA program sponsors access qualified apprentice candidates, as well as other support for their programs.

Q2: What are the benefits of being on the state ETP list?

A2: Joining the state ETP list can provide valuable exposure to and free marketing for your registered apprenticeship (RA) program. The individuals most likely to visit the online ETP list are job seekers looking for training to get a good job. The ETP list also provides a new opportunity to work with workforce programs in your local area that can refer screened, qualified candidates to your program.

RA sponsors on a state's ETP list are also eligible to have their apprentices receive funding to support the related technical instruction (RTI) component of apprentice training – consistent with trainee eligibility requirements and the availability of workforce funds. Those eligible for WIOA-funded services, including dislocated workers who may have recently been laid off, can use a training voucher referred to as an ITA or Individual Training Account. Individuals with an ITA “purchase” classroom training only from the list of ETPs, which is why having as many program sponsors on state ETP lists as possible is important.

Workforce funding may cover all or part of the cost associated with the related instruction portion of the RA program for an individual apprentice or a group of apprentices. Workforce funds may also be available to support the on-the-job training component, although placement on the state ETP list is not required for OJT programs (which use contracts, not ITAs).

Q3: How do I request to be on the ETP list?

A3: If you have not already been contacted by the apprenticeship office or workforce agency in your state, or if you are a newly registered program, this is a good time to inquire about joining the ETP list. Visit the state apprenticeship directory, www.doleta.gov/oa/contactlist.cfm, to find your designated apprenticeship contact.

Apprenticeship staff will be able to explain the process by which you and other RA programs sponsors in your state can be included on the ETP list. The process will require you to provide a few basic pieces of information, including:

- Name and address of RA program sponsor
- Occupations included in the RA program
- Name and address of the education provider (if different from sponsor's location)
- Method and length of related instruction
- Number of active apprentices

Q4: Once my program is on the ETP list, are there any reporting or ongoing requirements?

A4: No. RA program sponsors are not required to provide reports while they are on the ETP list. Being on the ETP list is simply an opportunity and does not impose any requirements on how sponsors operate their RA programs.

Q5: Will I remain on the ETP list indefinitely?

A5: RA program sponsors can remain on the ETP list indefinitely, as long as their programs remain registered with the State Apprenticeship Agency or the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Apprenticeship. If a RA program becomes de-registered, the sponsor will be removed from the ETP list. Additionally, RA sponsors can request to be removed from the ETP list at any time.