

ABSTRACT

- I. **Lead Applicant Name:** Focus: HOPE
- II. **Lead Applicant City/State:** Detroit, Michigan
- III. **Primary Partnership Entities:**
 - a. **Private Sector Entity:** National Institute for Metalworking Skills (NIMS)
 - b. **Public Sector Entity:** Detroit Employment Solutions Corporation (DESC)
- IV. **Additional Key Partners:** Wayne County Community College District (WCCCD), Jackson Area Manufacturers Association (JAMA), Lightweight Innovations for Tomorrow (LIFT), DASI Solutions.
- V. **Areas Served by Grant:** State of Michigan; Counties of Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, and Jackson; Cities of Detroit, Jackson, Pontiac, Highland Park, Hamtramck.
- VI. **Total Funding Level Requested:** \$3,000,000
- VII. **Project Name:** Focus: HOPE American Apprenticeship Program
- VIII. **Summary of Program Activities:**
 - Work with the U.S. Department of Labor to register four new apprenticeship programs: Network Technology Administrator; Computer Numerical Control (CNC) Machinist; Controls Technician; and Prototype Technician. Three of these tracks would be under the management of the primary partner, Focus: HOPE, while one will be started by the Jackson Area Manufacturing Association (JAMA) Academy for Manufacturing Careers.
 - Expand three existing Registered Apprenticeship Programs in terms of enrollment and participation by underrepresented populations. These programs include: Industrial Design Technicians via DASI Solutions; and Engineering Technician and Quality Engineer via the JAMA Academy for Manufacturing Careers.
 - Significantly boost the number of apprentices from underrepresented populations that enroll and succeed in the program (including minorities, women, veterans, un/under-employed, and low-skilled populations) by using innovative recruitment, training, support and retention tactics with all three major partner organizations: Focus: HOPE; DASI; and JAMA.
 - Engage in collaborative outreach and awareness events to reach a larger geographic region, in Central and Southeast Michigan, taking advantage of strategic partnerships that spread the message to wider audiences. The collaborative promotional activities will deepen the understanding and appreciation of the advantages of apprenticeships for employers, students and workers.
 - Promote career pathways with education attainment during apprenticeship by aligning course work with articulated credit at the Wayne County Community College District (WCCCD) and other area educational institutions that will link apprenticeships with longer term postsecondary educational attainment. In this way, apprentices will not only develop employable skills and potential employment but will be encouraged and supported to pursue their longer term educational and career goals.
- IX. **Total Number of Participants to be Served:** 300 apprentices

- X. **Populations to be Served:** Underrepresented individuals (including, but not limited to: women, veterans, low-income, minorities), incumbent workers.
- XI. **Targeted Industry(s)/Occupations:** Advanced Manufacturing and Information Technologies. Quality Engineering, Graphic Designer, CNC Technician, Controls Technician, Network Support Technician.
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