

## **Abstract**

**I. Lead Applicant Name:** Philadelphia Works

**II. Lead Applicant City/State:** Philadelphia/PA

**III. Primary Partnership Entities:**

**a. Legal Name and Type of Private Sector Entities:** Business-related nonprofits --  
Communities In Schools of Philadelphia, Inc., and District 1199C Training & Upgrading Fund

**b. Legal Name and Type of Public Sector Entity:** Workforce Investment System --  
Philadelphia Works, Inc.

**IV. Additional Key Partners:** Public: City of Philadelphia; Philadelphia School District; Philadelphia Housing Authority; Private: Philadelphia YouthBuild; Workforce Investment Boards of Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery Counties; Community Colleges of Philadelphia, Bucks, Montgomery Counties; Philadelphia Youth Network; PowerCorpsPHL; RESCare; Philadelphia Opportunities Industrialization Center; Middle Bucks Institute of Technology; Employers: TAIG/NHS Human Services; Communities in Schools; JARVUS, City of Philadelphia Office of Innovation and Technology, String Theory, Springboard Media.

**V. Areas Served by Grant:** Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery and Philadelphia Counties in Pennsylvania

**VI. Total Funding Level Requested:** \$2,999,722

**VII. Project Name:** Southeast Pennsylvania Region American Apprenticeship Initiative

**VIII. Summary of Program Activities:** The Southeast PA Region's project will create a new Behavioral Health apprenticeship, expand on the existing Computer Support Specialist/IT

apprenticeship and strengthen the pipeline of opportunity youth who can be directed into these American Apprenticeship programs. The cornerstones of SEPA's approach are: 1) engagement of multiple employers in the creation and/or expansion of apprenticeships in the high-growth industries of Information Technology and Behavioral Healthcare; 2) the development and adoption of competency-based pre-apprenticeship curricula that align with available apprenticeship positions and result in credentials recognized by multiple employers; and 3) establishment of a new governing body, the SEPA Region American Apprenticeship Collaborative, with staff to oversee all Registered Apprenticeships. Outcomes include two new apprenticeships, enrollment of 170 IT and 140 Behavioral Health Technician apprentices, engagement of employers and youth, and a pre-apprenticeship to employer pipeline.

**IX. Numbers of Individuals to be Served:** 390 opportunity youth in pre-apprenticeships and 310 in Information Technology and Behavioral Healthcare Apprenticeships (500 in all activities)

**X. Populations to be Served:** Opportunity Youth ages 16-24, including women and minorities

**XI. Targeted H-1B Industries/Occupations:** Information Technology/IT Specialist and Computer Support Specialist; Behavioral Healthcare/Behavioral Health Technician

**XII. Contact Information for Primary Partners:**

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