

ABSTRACT: *Accelerate ApprenticeshipVT (AAVT) Initiative*

- I. **Lead Applicant Name:** Vermont Department of Labor
- II. **Lead Applicant City/State:** Montpelier / VT
- III. **Primary Partnership Entities:**
 - a. *Private Sector Entities:* Vermont HITEC (non-profit workforce intermediary), supported by its employer-partners (see Additional Key Partners below); and
 - b. *Public Sector Entities:* Vermont Department of Labor (including Divisions of UI, Workforce Development, LMI, State Apprenticeship Agency, Veterans), State Workforce Investment Board, Vermont HITEC and the *Institute for American Apprenticeships* at Burlington College.
- IV. **Additional Key Partner(s):**
 - a. *Employers (16):* Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health, UVM Medical Center, Precyse Solutions, Husky Injection Molding Systems, Triad Design Service, Vermont Information Processing, MyWebGrocer, Dealer.com, Higher Turnover, Vermont Design Works, Agilion Apps, PAR Springer-Miller, Allscripts, Logic Supply, Smart Resource Labs, and Bear Code;
 - b. *Regional Business Associations (4):* Vermont Association of Hospitals and Health Systems, New England Alliance for Health, Vermont Manufacturing Extension Center, and Vermont Technology Alliance; and
 - c. *State Agencies (2):* Vermont Department of Economic Development, and Vermont Department of Children and Families.
- V. **Areas Served by Grant (by city, county, and state):** Vermont state-wide.

VI. **Total Funding Level Requested:** \$2,999,913

VII. **Project Name:** Accelerate ApprenticeshipVT

VIII. **Summary of Program Activities:**

The *Accelerate ApprenticeshipVT* Initiative will result in the employment of 300 registered apprentices in H-1B related occupations and career pathways in healthcare, information technology, advanced manufacturing, and business services over a five-year period beginning July 1, 2015. The Initiative is designed to recruit unemployed and underemployed Vermonters, including women, people with disabilities, low-skilled populations, and Veterans (transitioning service members), and provide them with accelerated education and immediate employment opportunities with regional employers.

IX. **Total Number of Participants to be Served:** 300

X. **Populations to be Served:** New hires and incumbent employees; unemployed and underemployed including women, minorities, people with disabilities, low-skilled populations, and Veterans, including transitioning service members.

XI. **Targeted Industry(s)/Occupations:**

Healthcare: such as medical coders, pharmacy technicians, medical assistants;

Information Technology: such as software support specialists, software & web developers;

Advanced Manufacturing: such as CNC machine operators, CNC machine technicians; and

Business Services: such as technical documentation writers, technical illustrators.

XII. **Public Contact Information:** Anne M. Noonan, Commissioner, Vermont Department of Labor, 802-828-4301, annie.noonan@state.vt.us