

TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT NOTICE	NO. 18-13
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SUBJECT: 21st Century Registered Apprenticeship: A Shared Vision for Increasing Opportunity, Innovation, and Competitiveness for American Workers and Employers

1. Purpose. To promote innovative recommendations by the Secretary of Labor’s Advisory Committee on Apprenticeship (ACA) on the use of Registered Apprenticeship as a critical and timely solution to the nation’s workforce, economic, and education challenges; and to encourage the state, regional, and local leaders and the public workforce system to utilize the vision report as a resource for supporting apprenticeship opportunities in their own communities.

2. Background. The broad role of the ACA is to advise the U.S. Secretary of Labor on critical matters related to the National Registered Apprenticeship System in the U.S., and to offer related recommendations. The ACA is composed of a range of approximately 24-27 individuals appointed by the Secretary of Labor for one- or two-year terms. The membership includes representatives from the employer, public, and labor sectors.

Building on the work of the committee over the past few years and an outgrowth of a dialogue that was initiated during the recognition of the 75th anniversary of the National Apprenticeship Act, the ACA developed this leading-edge report entitled, *21st Century Registered Apprenticeship: A Shared Vision for Increasing Opportunity, Innovation, and Competitiveness for American Workers and Employers*. The report provides goals and strategies for states, localities, and the workforce system to look at the national Registered Apprenticeship system from an entirely new perspective and as an important career pathway for American workers. As one thought leader in the report stated: “Registered Apprenticeship has tremendous opportunity to help millions of individuals.” In particular, the report focuses on expanding apprenticeship into new and traditional industries and increasing pathways for under-represented populations.

For more information regarding these resources and to find additional Registered Apprenticeship information, please visit www.doleta.gov/oa and the Apprenticeship Community of Practice (CoP) Web site at <http://21stcenturyapprenticeship.workforce3one.org/>. These resources provide a wealth of information about innovations in Registered Apprenticeship, successful partnerships with workforce, education, and Registered Apprenticeship programs.

4. Action Requested. States are requested to disseminate the vision report broadly to regional and local areas to build broader understanding of Registered Apprenticeship. We also encourage leaders to use the information within the report as a valuable action planning resource for supporting greater pathways to jobs within their communities.

5. Inquiries. Questions about this TEN should be directed to Michael Qualter of the Office of Apprenticeship at (202) 693-3014 or qualter.michael@dol.gov.