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Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training Washington, D.C. 20210	BAT-3	Promotion of Apprenticeship Programs with Employers and Employer Groups	
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Purpose: To update the Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training policy in the promotion, development, approval, and registration of apprenticeship programs to be administered by employers or employer groups where local jointly sponsored area-wide trade apprenticeship programs are registered and actively operating.

Background: Bureau responsibility under the National Apprenticeship Act is to provide service and assistance to all industry in the establishment of apprenticeship programs. Such programs must contain standards that assure efficient training procedures that will safeguard the welfare of apprentices. The Bureau personnel has the same responsibility in promoting and developing apprenticeship programs with employers who are not participating in existing registered programs.

Action: Bureau personnel shall assist any bona fide union, employer, or employer group both in response to requests and on BAT initiative to establish apprenticeship programs which meet the minimum requirements as published by the Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training.

Where an active area-wide registered program in the trade exists, the BAT representative shall explain to the potential sponsor the advantages of participating in the ongoing program. If the potential sponsor is not willing to participate, or the sponsors of the existing program will not agree to such participation, BAT representatives shall provide full assistance in the development and registration of an acceptable separate apprenticeship program and register the program when it meets national standards.

The development of a new program shall proceed without undue delay. Issues arising during the development of a program that cannot be satisfactorily resolved locally or at the state and regional level, shall be referred to the Administrator, BAT. If registration is denied by the registration authority, either BAT or SAC, the potential sponsor shall be advised of his appeal rights.

This Circular cancels Circular 66-67, Code 440 dated March 9, 1966, and becomes effective immediately.

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