

ABSTRACT

Applicant Name: Wisconsin Regional Training Partnership (WRTP)

Project Title: *West Coast to the Nation's Center- Building a best practice network to raise women's success in apprenticeships*

Area to be served: Seattle, Washington and surrounding counties, Yakima, Washington, Oakland, California, Metro Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota and Metro Milwaukee, Wisconsin extending into surrounding counties, Madison, Wisconsin and surrounding counties, Cincinnati, Columbus and Cleveland, Ohio, Detroit, Michigan, Gary and Indianapolis, Indiana, Kansas City and St. Louis, Missouri, Wichita, Kansas and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Funding Request: \$498,055

Number of participants to be served: 700 women introduced to apprenticeships, 188 enrolled into program services. For Technical Assistance: 15 Workforce Investment Boards, employers and labor unions at all locations.

Total cost per individual apprenticeship-linked participant: \$1589

Per cost of TA = \$192

Project Scope: “*West Coast to the Nation's Center- Building a best practice network to raise women's success in apprenticeships (RWSA)* is the collaborative response to create a robust network of non-profits, Workforce Investment Boards (WIBs), employers and unions addressing the need to have more women engaged and succeed in apprenticeships. RWSA will utilize this robust network to inform, engage and enroll more women in pre-apprenticeship and Registered Apprenticeships while meeting local workforce needs in sectors such as: construction, manufacturing, energy, IT and transportation. It is known that there is a huge need to engage and link women to apprenticeships in technical occupations.

The establishment of the RWSA network will inform and reinforce linkages to Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) both at the state and local level, other DOL, state, local and philanthropic funded apprentice projects as well as supporting union and employer apprentice needs. With the committed participation of fifteen WIBs, this project will provide a link between organizations which successfully help women enter apprenticeships and the workforce system. This program will also directly inform and provide services to women in key local areas such as Oakland, CA, Seattle, WA, Milwaukee, WI, Twin Cities, MN and Detroit, MI.

Partners: Services will also be provided by the Aerospace Joint Apprenticeship Committee (AJAC), West Oakland Jobs Resource Center (WOJRC), Midwest Urban Strategies Consortium (MUSC), Minnesota Regional Training Partnership (MRTP) and Wisconsin Regional Training Partnership (WRTP).

Project Outcomes:

- **110** women enter pre-apprentice programs and/or Registered Apprenticeship that meets the A/NTO definition
- **700** women are introduced to the benefits of apprenticeship and A/NTO careers
- TA outcomes which includes 12 workshops/webinars with a national audience (avg. 30) and 20 locally held workshops to meet local needs (avg. 20), and 2 in-person, national events for a total of 34 events for a total of **1,040** TA individuals served.
- Develop and strengthen network of organizations that serve women in success in Pre-apprentice and RA programs as demonstrated by **6** (documented leadership networking/sharing) **events**.