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Hub Happenings

The Hub team is attending events across the U.S. to promote Registered Apprenticeship Programs (RAPs) in the supply chain automation sector. Every month, we are presenting, sponsoring booths and connecting with stakeholders at conferences, hosting informational webinars, and networking with industry, workforce, and education professionals. The Hub has one goal in mind: to expand sector-based RAP recruitment and training to ensure we're meeting the critical need for skilled workers in supply chain automation.



What's New at the Hub

New Partners

The Independent Electrical Contractors Association, [IEC of the Bluegrass](#) has registered a new cohort of 58 Kentuckians into their four-year industrial electrician RAP. Using the Hub's technical assistance services and incentive fund, IEC will build interactive labs for apprentices to use in conjunction with classroom education. IEC's employer members are a critical component of supply chain automation and industrial electrical maintenance in KY as they are automating electrical processes in many different areas including industrial and commercial installation, underground conduits, and electrical repairs.

The Hub has also partnered with [Louisville Electrical JATC \(LEJATC\)](#), the electrical training program for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) and the National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA) to expand career opportunities to the deaf and hard-of-hearing community. With the Hub's assistance, LEJATC plans to acquire equipment and resources for its hearing impaired apprentices and has a total of 74 apprentices starting soon.

[Georgia Piedmont Technical College \(GPTC\)](#) has partnered with the Hub to grow and expand its RAPs in industrial maintenance and mechatronics as well as develop and register a new RAP for water treatment operators. GPTC plans to have 20 apprentices enrolled in its three RAPs over the next year.

Welcome to the Hub!

Where We've Been

The Hub has been busy sharing the benefits of RAPs and our support and services at many in-person and virtual industry [events](#).

Over the summer, the Hub's Project Manager, James Price and Senior Subject Matter Expert, Janet Bray, attended the [NC3 Annual Leadership Symposium](#) in Kenosha, WI. The event brought together over 200 presidents and deans of workforce development from secondary and postsecondary education institutions. At the Symposium they heard from leading industry partners and experts in innovation, diversity, equity and inclusivity on key issues related to advancing technologies that drive workforce needs.



In partnership with the National Association of Workforce Boards (NAWB), the Hub team connected with stakeholders at the California Workforce Association's (CWA) [Meeting of the Minds in Monterey Conference](#). The Hub's Subject Matter Expert, Marjorie Cohen, presented Hub's work with NAWB partners at the "Apprenticeships: A Key Tool in the Workforce-based Learning Toolbox to Address Employer Needs" session.

The Hub's Project Manager, James Price and Business Development and Marketing Specialist, Meghan Wills, attended and sponsored a booth at the [Association of Supply Chain Management's \(ASCM\) Annual Conference](#) trade show, networking with key supply chain and digital transformation leaders.



Upcoming Events

The Hub team will continue to travel the U.S. to join our partners in promoting supply chain automation RAPs, attending workshops, conferences, and panels to expand our network and build and scale Apprenticeships across the nation in the coming months.

Where We'll Be



National Council for Workforce Education Conference: Building Bridges – Expanding Opportunities

2022 Advance CTE’s Fall Meeting

When: October 12 – 13, 2022
Where: Portland, OR

When: October 17 – 19, 2022
Where: Baltimore, MD

Marjorie Cohen, the Hub's Subject Matter Expert, will present on the benefits of RAPs and the Hub's services and supports at the NCWE Conference. Marjorie will be joined by Gary Robinson, Apprenticeship Project Manager Workforce Solutions at Bluegrass Community & Technical College, a Hub partner.

The Hub’s Project Manager, James Price and Subject Matter Expert, Wanda Monthey, will attend the 2022 Advance Fall Meeting to connect with CTE leaders nationwide and share best practices on working to develop and scale RAPs in high growth industry areas and share ways in which the Hub can support these efforts.



The Manufacturing Institute National Workforce Summit

Georgia Piedmont Technical College Career Fair

When: October 18 – 20, 2022
Where: Cincinnati, OH

When: November 8 – 9, 2022
Where: Atlanta, GA

Cathy Metcalf, the Hub’s Senior Advisor, will network and build partnerships with manufacturers, local workforce development boards, and community and technical colleges. Cathy will be discussing the supply chain automation sector and the benefits of RAPs and working with an intermediary.

The Hub Project Manager, James Price and Business Development & Marketing Specialist, Dina Igoe, will attend Georgia Piedmont Technical College's (GPTS) Career Fair. They will be joined by GPTS leadership to help recruit apprentices into GPTS RAPs and share supports and services the Hub can provide.



Apprenticeship Breakfast Briefing

ACTE’s CareerTech Vision 2022

When: November 15, 2022
Where: Mason, OH

Business Development & Marketing Specialist, Meghan Wills and Cathy Metcalf, Senior Advisor, will join Sinclair Community College and @Work Personnel in sharing the RAP opportunity and Hub supports and services with local employers and workforce leaders.

When: Nov. 30 – Dec. 3, 2022
Where: Las Vegas, NV

Marjorie Cohen, the Hub's Subject Matter Expert, will be speaking at the "Building the Supply Chain Automation Workforce Through Registered Apprenticeship Expansion" session at ACTE's annual conference that hosts thousands of educators, business leaders, and industry professionals.

National Apprenticeship Week Happenings



Celebrate the eighth annual National Apprenticeship Week and honor the 85th Anniversary of the National Apprenticeship Act with us. Engage with the Hub's social media channels the week of **November 14th** (Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn) as we feature some of our partner organizations in a short video series throughout Apprenticeship week.

We will be highlighting the great work they are doing to close the skill gap, advance equity and promote workforce development through their RAPs.

Dina Igoe, the Hub's Business Development & Marketing Specialist, will interview :

- **Rebecca Barnes**, Executive Director, IEC of the Bluegrass
- **Michelle DeJohn**, Executive Director, Kentucky Career Center Office of Employer & Apprenticeship Services
- **Alex Earls**, Reentry Programs Administrator, Division of Offender Rehabilitation, Missouri Department of Corrections
- **Richard Andrews**, Executive Director of Advanced Manufacturing Partnerships, Economic Development, Georgia Piedmont Technical College
- **Dr. Alvie Coes III**, Vice President of Economic Development, Georgia Piedmont Technical College

[View National Apprenticeship Week Resources](#)

Hub Benefits & Resources

The Hub helps [employers](#), [education institutions](#), [workforce development boards](#) and [career seekers](#) — all at no cost:

- ▶ Offer [incentive funding](#) and technical assistance to RAP sponsors and employers
- ▶ Provide support for national and state registration of RAPs
- ▶ Conduct education and outreach to key stakeholders about benefits of RAPs in supply chain automation
- ▶ Connect interested employers with education and training providers, and workforce organizations
- ▶ Support education institutions offering applied learning aligned to in-demand careers and pathways to a college degree and/or certification
- ▶ Assist in outreach and marketing efforts to promote RAPs with a focus on equity and diversity
- ▶ Identify state and federal funding opportunities

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