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Hub Happenings

Incentive Fund for RAP Sponsors/Employers Renewed for 2023!

The Hub is excited to share that the Incentive Fund available to support RAP sponsors/employers in growing existing and developing new Registered Apprenticeship Programs (RAPs) has been renewed for 2023!

The fund helps sponsors/employers offset the costs of launching RAPs, providing training to apprentices, and supporting resources and tools that are not available for free, such as tuition for Related Training Instruction, training for mentors, and equipment.

Incentive Fund applications are being considered on a rolling basis until November 1, 2023. The amount of the incentive varies based on the number of apprentices the sponsor/employer commits to enroll.

For more information, please visit [Incentive Fund FAQs](#).

What's New at the Hub

New Partners



The Hub is happy to partner with General Motors PPO North to train a new cohort of 50 electricians, die makers, and model makers through their Skilled Trades Apprentice Readiness Certificate program. The Hub incentive funds will help in developing and updating RAP curriculum, paying training instructor fees, and creating additional

teaching materials.

General Motors allocates substantial resources and funding to their RAP and technical training for all skilled trades and has created a Technical Learning University Center (TLU) which operates as a college for all General Motors employees' technical upskilling, including Apprentices. The TLU is in Warren, Michigan, and all apprentices come to the center to fully immerse in training activities which then allows them to take the skills they learn back to their respective locations.

Where We've Been

2022 was an excellent year for the Hub as a new U.S. Department of Labor intermediary, with the Hub team exceeding its goals for registering new apprentices and performing outreach to hundreds of employers, educational institutions, workforce development boards, and career seekers. Last year, the Hub team built a strong foundation on top of which it seeks to grow.

This year is all about taking our work to the next level, expanding the Hub network to even more states to diversify the workforce and prepare employers to meet changing labor demands in supply chain automation and related industries. As a result, in the last few months, the Hub team has been focused on strategic planning for 2023 and has recently updated many of its processes and procedures as well as all marketing and outreach collateral.

Please visit our [Resources](#) page to access all updated materials.

The Hub team continues to travel the U.S. to join our partners and stakeholders in promoting supply chain RAPs.



Superior Career Fair - Manufacturing, Supply Chain, Warehouse & Skilled Trades Career Fair

When: January 31, 2023

Where: Cincinnati, OH

Hub Senior Advisor, Cathy Metcalf and AtWork Personnel Owner, Walt Tracy,



Kentucky Workforce Innovation Boards (KWIB) Partner Spotlight Lunch

When: February 1, 2023

Where: Virtual event

Business Development & Marketing Specialist Dina Igoe presented at the

attended the MFG, Supply Chain, Warehouse & Skilled Trades Career Fair in Cincinnati, OH, where they connected with other workforce development organizations and employers to showcase Registered Apprenticeship opportunities in supply chain.

KWIB Partner Spotlight with Michelle DeJohn of the Kentucky Career Center Office of Employer & Apprenticeship Services and Rebecca Barnes of Hub partner IEC of the Bluegrass.

Upcoming Events

Where We'll Be

Apprenticeship Accelerator with Miami Dade College

When: March 7, 2023 (UPDATED)

Where: Doral, FL

The Hub team will co-host an Apprenticeship Accelerator with Miami Dade College's Career and Technical Education office to spread the word to local employers about their existing Storage and Distribution Manager and Customs Broker RAPs.



Industry, Community and Apprenticeship Updates



CELEBRATE **TODAY,**
OWN **TOMORROW!**

Every February, the Career Technical Education (CTE) community celebrates CTE Month® to raise awareness of the role that CTE has in readying learners for career success. CTE Month is also a time to recognize and celebrate the achievements and accomplishments of our CTE partners at the local, state and national level. CTE Month is supported by a variety of CTE groups and organized by the **Association for Career and Technical Education** (ACTE).

[Learn how to get engaged here](#)

Good news! The U.S. Chamber of Commerce is reporting that supply chain woes have improved in recent months. Before the pandemic, the global supply chain enjoyed an extended period of stability, but that changed when COVID-19 necessitated swift action.

[Read more here](#)





The Biden administration has committed to expanding Registered Apprenticeship across the board—not just in supply chain.

Brent Parton, Acting Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training Administration at DOL, recently joined *Sixty35* news magazine for an exclusive conversation about Apprenticeships. Parton discussed how to get more businesses involved in Apprenticeship and what accountability measures DOL has in place for RAPs registered nationally.

[Read more here](#)

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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