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# Hub Happenings

May was a very busy month for the Hub as the team assisted in growing and expanding several new Registered Apprenticeship Programs (RAPs) around the country.

While traveling across the country, sharing Hub supports and services, learning about new and existing programs, and meeting current and past apprentices, we were reminded of the transformative power that RAPs have.



RAPs offer a different path for professional growth and skill development for individuals across many industries. With an unparalleled ability to bridge the gap between classroom learning and hands-on experience, RAPs propel apprentices toward rewarding careers while fostering a resilient and dynamic workforce.

## What's New at the Hub

### *New Partners*



**JAS Worldwide**, is a global freight forwarding and logistics company that provides comprehensive supply chain solutions to businesses around the world. The Hub team is planning to assist JAS' newly registered KY RAP to recruit apprentices and create a strong employee pipeline. JAS specializes in air freight, ocean freight, and ground transportation, catering to a wide range of industries including automotive, fashion and retail, healthcare, technology, and more. With a commitment to customer satisfaction and a focus on innovation, JAS continues to be a trusted partner in the realm of logistics and supply chain management.



**Kellogg's** is building out its food distribution lines by establishing its RAP with the Hub's assistance. Kellogg's will use its new RAP to improve its food production and distribution, upgrading its supply chain and improving its supply chain. With a rich history dating back to 1906, Kellogg's has become a

household name and a global leader in the food industry. The company is committed to nourishing families by providing wholesome and nutritious products that cater to a variety of dietary preferences and needs.



**Cleveland-Cliffs**, also known as Cliffs Inc., is working closely with Hub SMEs to register a new Industrial Maintenance Technology RAP at their

Michigan plant. Cleveland-Cliffs is a leading mining and steel manufacturing company based in Cleveland, Ohio. With a history that dates back over 170 years, Cleveland-Cliffs has established itself as a key player in the mining and metals industry. The company specializes in extracting and producing iron and coal, essential raw materials for steel production. The company's dedication to delivering high-quality products and maintaining long-term relationships has helped them become a trusted supplier in the global mining and steel markets.

*Welcome to the Hub!*

## *Partner Apprentice Testimonials*

*"My name is Nathan Perkins, and I have attended IEC of the Bluegrass for one year. I have used my knowledge from the classroom to help me perform my job day to day.*



*One thing I personally like about the Apprenticeship Program is you get the opportunity to work hands-on with the material at work and in the classroom. I think other people should join this program because it is one of the best ways to learn a trade especially with IEC of the Bluegrass helping along the way."*

*- Nathan Perkins, Registered Apprentice, IEC of the Bluegrass*

## *Where We've Been*



### Florida Supply Chain Management Summit

When: May 15-17, 2023

Where: Tampa, FL

Hub Senior Advisor Cathy Metcalf joined Florida's commerce and enterprise leaders at this year's Florida Supply Chain Summit. The annual event facilitates and strengthens partnerships in the trade and logistics industry by providing opportunities to network, address industry issues, and share knowledge about critical issues including emerging trends, technology innovations, and workforce development.

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### ETA Vision 2030 Workforce Convening

When: May 16-18, 2023

Where: Crystal City, VA

Project Manager James Price joined the U.S. Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration (ETA) at the convening, where industry leaders met to discuss the U.S. economy's needs and ensure that federal investments support those needs.



## Upcoming Events

### Where We'll Be

#### **RWB's Signing Ceremony**

When: June 13 2023

Where: Cincinnati, Ohio



The Hub congratulates [RWB Properties and Construction](#) for officially receiving approval as a State of Ohio Apprenticeship Program Provider! The Hub team plans to help RWB, along with leadership from ApprenticeOhio, to host an official RAP standards signing ceremony that will include local government officials, community partners, and several RWB apprentices who will share their personal experiences.



#### **Georgia Piedmont Technical College's Supply Chain Accelerator**

When: June 14, 2023

Where: Clarkston, GA

Project Manager, James Price, will represent the Hub as we co-sponsor the Georgia Piedmont Technical College's Apprenticeship accelerator, where he will discuss the value of RAPs and intermediary supports available to programs and meet local area employers, community leaders, workforce development agencies, and other key stakeholders.



#### **Free Workshop for Employers on the Benefits of Apprenticeship**

When: June 15, 2023

Where: Sarasota, FL

Hub SME Wanda Monthey, Project Manager James Price, and Technical Assistance Lead Janet Bray will attend the second of Apprentice Florida's



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#### **Manufacturing for Tomorrow: Disruptive Technology in Supply Chain**

When: June 22, 2023

Where: Cincinnati, Ohio

Hub Senior Advisor, Cathy Metcalf, will represent the Hub at the upcoming Manufacturing for Tomorrow session. Hub

workshops, where they will represent the Hub as a DOL industry intermediary for new and existing RAP sponsors.

partner, Festo Didactic will be joined by Universal Robots to discuss real stories of companies that have taken the leap and implemented advanced technologies like robotics, artificial intelligence, and virtual reality in their supply chain.

## Industry, Community, and Apprenticeship Updates

### Iowa awards \$3.5M in apprenticeship money

Iowa Workforce Development is making \$3.5 million in grants available to companies that want to create or expand RAPs to train and retain employees in the state. It's one way officials are attempting to address Iowa's workforce shortage.



[Read more](#)



### Massachusetts building trade unions say \$9.5 billion in federal infrastructure dollars will fuel “apprenticeship boom”

Industry leaders convened in Boston to discuss the positive impacts of apprenticeship, particularly union apprenticeship, in transforming lives and securing a strong economy for Massachusetts.

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## 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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