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Hub Happenings

The Hub has been working diligently to expand sector-based Registered Apprenticeship Programs (RAPs) recruitment and training across the U.S. to ensure we're meeting the critical need for skilled workers in supply chain automation.



Over the past few months, we've laid the groundwork for ensuring the future of a diverse and stable supply chain talent pipeline by hosting webinars, attending and speaking at events, and leading accelerators to build up RAPs.

What's New at the Hub

New Partners

The Hub has expanded its network by adding new organizational partners interested in building and expanding sponsorships for apprentices who meet RAP enrollment requirements. We are committed to growing a geographically diverse national partner list to expand RAPs in critical industry sectors like supply chain automation and include organizations that have not traditionally used RAPs to meet employer and sector needs. Our new partnerships include:



Where We've Been

The Hub has been promoting RAPs at virtual and in-person industry events. [Visit our Events page to learn more.](#)

We partnered with the National Association of Workforce Boards (NAWB) to host two RA Accelerators, one on April 11 at [NAWB's National Forum](#) in Washington, DC, and a second virtual convening on June 15, to promote RAPs and their benefits to the workforce ecosystem.



The Hub's Subject Matter Expert, Marjorie Cohen, participated in the U.S. Department of Labor's (DOL) Office of Apprenticeship's panel session, "Apprenticeship Accelerator: How to Quick-Start Your Program" at the Department of Commerce's [SelectUSA Investment Summit](#) on June 28 in Washington, DC.



In July, our team hosted two webinars with the [Kentucky Office of Employer and Apprenticeship Services \(OEAS\)](#) about the [Hub Incentive Fund](#) and available technical assistance to help businesses capitalize on the value of RAPs. OEAS's partnership with the Hub was [announced in this press release.](#)

Upcoming Events

The Hub team is traveling 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 RAs all across the nation.

Where We'll Be



[California Workforce Association's Meeting of the Minds in Monterey Conference](#)

When: September 6 – 8, 2022



[The Association for Supply Chain Management's \(ASCM\) American Supply Chain Conference](#)

When: September 18 – 20, 2022

Where: Monterey, CA, or virtual

In partnership with NAWB, the Hub team is excited to connect with stakeholders and promote RAPs at CWA's Meeting of the Minds Conference. The Hub's Subject Matter Expert, Marjorie Cohen, will present at the "Apprenticeships: A Key Tool in the Workforce-based Learning Toolbox to Address Employer Needs" session.

[The IAACE Fall 2022 State Adult Education Conference](#)

When: September 28 – 30, 2022

Where: Florence, IN

The Hub's Business Development & Marketing Specialist, Dina Igoe, and Senior Advisor, Cathy Metcalf, will engage with Indiana community colleges and tech schools about RA intermediary work and attend several panel sessions focused on best practices in building and scaling RAPs.

Where: Chicago, IL, or virtual

The Hub's Project Manager, James Price, and Business Development and Marketing Specialist, Meghan Wills, are sponsoring a booth at the American Supply Chain Conference's Trade Show, networking with key supply chain and digital transformation leaders.



What's New in Supply Chain Automation



Hub partner, [The Manufacturing Skills Standards Council \(MSSC\)](#), received recognition in the National Occupational Competency Testing Institute (NOCTI) Business Solutions' [Skills Outlook report](#) for their work developing stackable, skills-based credentials.



Hub partner, [Festo Didactic](#), celebrated its 50th anniversary and announced a major expansion plan for a 47-acre campus in Ohio. Read more about Festo's expansion and history in the [press release](#).



Hub partner [The Kentucky Department of Education's Office of Career and Technical Education \(OCTE\)](#) has been named an Apprenticeship Ambassador in DOL's new program, the first program in Kentucky to receive such a designation.

What's New in Registered Apprenticeship

Leaders across all levels of government are invested in RAPs as a promising practice in creating much-needed talent pipelines using a method of training that emphasizes through learning by doing — and being paid to learn. Because of advancements in RAPs and their high-priority status, employers, educational institutions, and other stakeholders receive new resources and incentives every day.

In August, the National Apprenticeship Act (NAA), also known as the Fitzgerald Act, celebrated 85 years since its adoption. The NAA gave the Secretary of Labor, and, by extension, DOL, the authority to advance apprenticeship programs and established the RAP as we know it. [Read the abridged history at Apprenticeship.gov.](#)



Mark your calendars for the DOL's 8th Annual National Apprenticeship Week (NAW), coming November 14 – 20. Visit the NAW website to learn more about how to get involved, including registering for events displayed on their national events map.



[Learn more about National Apprenticeship Week](#)

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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