

## **Executive Summary: Apprenticeship Building America Round 2**

### **Selection Process**

The Career Connect Washington (CCW) Cross-agency Workgroup formed one committee to review Apprenticeship Building America (ABA) Round 2 applications and determine successful bids for funding. The ABA Review Committee met on Friday, December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

In addition to ESD staff, review committees included representatives from:

- Labor
- Industry
- Labor & Industries
- State Board of Community and Technical Colleges

The CCW ABA grant aims to expand registered apprenticeship and recognized pre-apprenticeship programs in high-growth and high-demand industry sectors. This grant will make available a total of **\$3,751,236.00** to Program Builders to build and expand programs statewide. The ABA grant program aims to increase equity and accessibility in program delivery to apprentices, and to bring the Registered Apprenticeship model to more industries. Following Round 1 awards in early 2023, a total of **\$1,310,006.48** was awarded to 13 total programs.

Based on the scoring criteria developed as part of the Request for Proposals (RFP), applicants were evaluated on the following factors:

1. Program design
2. Partnerships
3. Track record of success
4. Budget proposal
5. Letters of Support

A summary of the projects recommended for funding is included in the table below.

**Four (4) pre-apprenticeship** applications were scored, requesting **\$662,932.43** in total. The Review Committee voted to award **three (3) preapprenticeship** proposals for approval, at an estimated total of **\$502,584.62**. **Three (3) apprenticeship** applications were scored,

requesting **\$476,605.20** in total. The Review Committee voted to award no apprenticeship proposals for approval. In sum, Round 2 awards total **\$502,584.62**.

ESD will conduct a third round RFP to obligate the remaining **\$1,938,644.90** of ABA funds sometime in the second quarter of 2024.

<b>Applicant Name</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>Average Total Score/Recommendation</b>	<b>Program Summary</b>
<p><b>Pacific Northwest Ironworkers</b></p> <p>Pre-Apprenticeship</p> <p>Construction</p>	<p>\$210,584.62</p>	<p>81.00 – Fund in Full</p>	<p>The Eastern WA Tri-Metal Trades Pre-Apprenticeship Program is a recognized apprenticeship preparation program (“pre-apprenticeship program”) that will recruit, prepare, and train participants for entry into three nationally based union registered apprenticeship construction trade programs in the Eastern Washington region. These programs include the ironworkers, the pipefitters, and the sheet metal workers. The focus of the program is to help provide career opportunities with above-average wages and benefits to persons who are typically underrepresented and underserved in the above trades. Participants who complete the training will have a fundamental understanding and skills in three metal trades, qualifying them for either of the trades.</p>
<p><b>Pre-Employment Preparation Program (PEPP)</b></p> <p>Pre-Apprenticeship</p> <p>Construction</p>	<p>\$150,000.00</p>	<p>85.8 – Fund in Full</p>	<p>PEPP is a WA State Certified pre-apprenticeship preparation educational and hands-on training course designed by the North America’s Building Trades Unions (NABTU). PEPP recruits’ students from low-income areas of Spokane County; individuals who are disenfranchised and unaware of how to go about registering for a class such as PEPP that afford the opportunity to garner credentials in the Trades world as well as guarantee them an interview in the Building Trades Apprenticeships upon graduation from the cohort. PEPP not only enhances the economic well-being of the Spokane Community, but also fosters a sense of long-term security among its residents by building generational wealth,</p>

			contributing to a healthier and more prosperous Spokane County and Washington State.
<b>Skillspire</b> Prep-Apprenticeship IT & Cybersecurity	\$142,000.00	63.9 – Fund in Full	Skillspire Foundation’s mission is to make tech education accessible to underserved communities, women, and minorities. Skillspire Foundation is submitting a proposal for a new program called Platform Security (PLATS.) PLATS is an intensive online program to prepare individuals for jobs in IT security. This 150-hour program will include lectures, quizzes, assignments, labs and projects that will cover a large array of topics related to security basics with respect to platform security; that is, the security of desktops, laptops, mobile and IoT devices. This will be an online program hosted in a Learning Management system (LMS), so that students can conveniently learn at their own pace. We will have forums for discussion with mentors and Instructors during and after program completion.