Workforce Opportunity for Rural Communities (WORC) Grants





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Northshore Technical Community College Greater New Orleans Opportunity + (GNOuO+)

Parishes served: Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. James, St. John the Baptist, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, and Washington

Background

The Workforce Opportunity for Rural Communities (WORC) is an initiative of the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration (ETA) in partnership with the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) and Delta Regional Authority (DRA). WORC enables impacted communities to develop local and regional workforce development solutions aligned with existing economic development strategies and community partnerships to promote new, sustainable job opportunities and long-term economic vitality.

Proposal Summary

GNOuO+ targets new entrants to the workforce, dislocated workers, and incumbent workers, offering the opportunity for skills training, a work-based learning experience, and job placement in high-wage, career-pathway jobs. GNOuO+ is a pilot program designed to fill the acute need for regional coordination of industry demand and workforce training by replicating and scaling work-based learning programs.

Proposed Outcome

Three colleges will partner with GNO, Inc. to provide 1) direct access to data on industry workforce demand; and, 2) facilitation with regional employers to address regional workforce challenges. Through this collective approach, GNOuO+ will result in: 27 GNOMAP apprentices, 9 GNOMAP employers, 10-20 GNOuO+ employers in new programs, 25+ participants in new GNOuO+ programs, 3 work- based learning curricula, 1 new Associates Degree, and 24 industry based credentials.