

Project Name: National Public Transportation Partnership for Apprenticeship

Summary of Program Activities:

The Transportation Learning Center (the Center), a national labor-management nonprofit proposes an industry-wide project to develop, establish and expand Registered Apprenticeship (RA) programs for frontline workers in public transportation. This effort will address urgent needs for training the next generation of skilled workers in public transportation. Through a new National Public Transportation Partnership for Apprenticeship (the National Partnership), two new national frameworks for apprenticeship will be developed and implemented locally for Signals Maintainers and Transit Coach Operators. Local programs will also be implemented and expanded for three RA programs approved by the United States Department of Labor (DOL) in recent years: Transit Rail Vehicle Maintenance Technicians, Bus Maintenance Technicians, and Transit Elevator/Escalator Maintenance Technicians.

The standards-based apprenticeship training programs will build on the prior work of the National Training Committees and Consortia for Elevator/Escalator, Signals, and the Rail Car Training. It will include development and/or use of updated national training standards, integration with high school and postsecondary CTE programs, systems for college credit, curriculum and course materials, pre-apprenticeship training and recruitment resources, train the trainer and mentor training, classroom and on-the-job learning, distance learning (for bus maintenance), and quantitative and qualitative analysis of the costs and benefits of these Registered Apprenticeship programs.

The Center will collaborate with local agencies and unions, local and state Workforce Investment Boards, State Apprenticeship Agencies, community colleges and high school CTE programs. It will also work with national partners such as Wider Opportunities for Women, NCCRS, and veterans organizations to increase opportunities for women, minorities, veterans and other disadvantaged populations to enter into high-wage, high-skill careers in the industry.

**Initial Employer Sponsors for National Public Transportation Partnership for
Apprenticeship Proposal**
(with Commitment Letters included in Proposal Submission)

State	Employer Sponsors
CA	Alameda-Contra Costa Transit Authority (AC Transit)
	Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART)
	Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LA Metro)
	San Mateo Transit Authority (SamTrans)
	San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (MTS)
	Santa Clara Valley Transit Authority (VTA)
	San Francisco Municipal Transportation Authority (SFMTA)
DC-MD-VA	Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA)
GA	Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA) and ATU Local 732
KY	Transit Authority of River City (TARC)
MA	Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA)
MD-DC	Maryland Transit Administration (MTA)
MN	Metro Transit (Twin Cities)
MS	Choctaw Regional Transportation & Maintenance Facility
	Aaron E. Henry Community Health Services Center, Inc. (AEH Center)
NJ	New Jersey Transit (NJT)
NY	Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority (NFTA)
OH	Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (GCRTA)
PA	Altoona Metro Transit (AMTRAN)
	Cambria County Transit Authority (CAMTRAN)
	Port Authority Transit Corporation (PATCO)
	Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA)
TX	Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART)
UT	Utah Transit Authority (UTA)
WA	King County Metro

* Implementation of this project will include outreach to at least 27 community colleges and career and technical (CTE) high schools identified in commitment letters. The Center will continue outreach to additional community colleges and CTE high schools throughout the duration of this grant.

Initial Partners on National Public Transportation Partnership for Apprenticeship Proposal

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Industry Associations

American Public Transportation Association (APTA)
Community Transportation Association of America (CTAA)

Unions

Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU)
Brotherhood of Railroad Signalmen (BRS)
International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAMAW)
Pennsylvania AFL-CIO

State Apprenticeship Agencies/ Workforce Investment Boards

Ohio Department of Job and Family Services – Ohio State Apprenticeship Council (OSAC)
Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation (DLLR)
Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry
New York State Department of Labor
Washington State Department of Labor and Industries
National Association of Workforce Boards (NAWB)
Boston Private Industry Council (PIC)
California Workforce Investment Board (WIB)
Cleveland/Cuyahoga County Workforce Investment Board (WIB)

Community Colleges/Career and Technical Education Organizations

Los Angeles Trade Technical Community College (LATTTC)
Mountwest Community and Technical College
Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE)
National Association of State Directors of Career Technical Education Consortium (NASDCTEc)

National Non-Profits

Keystone Development Partnership (KDP)
National College Credit Recommendation Service (NCCRS)
Wider Opportunities for Women (WOW)

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