



REPORT TO THE WASHINGTON STATE APPRENTICESHIP AND TRAINING COUNCIL  
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Thank you for the opportunity to bring you this update of apprenticeship news at the Federal level

Advisory Committee on Apprenticeship

Secretary of Labor Marty Walsh relaunched the Advisory Committee on Apprenticeship (ACA). This committee will provide advice and recommendations on key issues facing apprenticeship. It will guide us to ensure these critical programs are innovative, effective – and accessible to all, including black and brown Americans, immigrants, and women. This apprenticeship committee represents the combined voices of workers, leaders, and experts who can inspire innovative training and apprenticeship programs that boost our economy while building an equitable workforce.

The ACA's work will focus on three key areas:

1. The expansion, modernization, and diversification of the National Apprenticeship model;
2. The expansion of apprenticeships into new industries and sectors including, but not limited to, cybersecurity, clean energy, advanced manufacturing, information technology, and healthcare; and
3. Equitable access for all workers to participate and succeed in the National Apprenticeship system.

The nomination period closed earlier this month and there is significant interest in membership. Nominations are under review and the Secretary will announce members in due time.

Investments:

Awards to four organizations to establish Registered Apprenticeship Technical Assistance Centers of Excellence Centers were announced on June 22. These Centers of Excellence will, in close cooperation with the Office of Apprenticeship, support the expansion and modernization of TA available in the registered apprenticeship system and build on existing apprenticeship efforts already in place. TA Centers of Excellence (“Centers”) are designated entities that provide technical expertise and services on a national scale to key RAP stakeholders and customers to accelerate and support RAP expansion. These Centers will support four key areas and provide technical assistance on a national scale to registered apprenticeship stakeholders and customers, ultimately increasing the effectiveness of the use of federal funding appropriated for the expansion of RAPs across the nation.

## Recipients

Urban Institute	Washington	DC	\$7,000,000
The Council of State Governments	Lexington	KY	\$4,000,000
Jobs for the Future Inc.	Boston	MA	\$13,000,000
Safal Partners Inc.	Houston	TX	\$6,995,940

## Congressional Update:

Secretary Marty Walsh testified before the House Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and related agencies to present the Department's 2022 budget request. The Department's budget requests an investment of \$14.2 billion in discretionary resources, which is a 14 percent increase above the FY 2021 enacted level.

As part of that \$14.2 billion, the Department will continue to invest in proven approaches, such as expanding the Registered Apprenticeship model by investing \$285 million, an increase of \$100 million. This will allow DOL to create a more balanced apprenticeship portfolio, support State efforts to implement a reauthorized National Apprenticeship Act, and further the development of youth apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeship opportunities, all while increasing equity for underrepresented populations.

## Regulatory Agenda:

OMB recently published the Spring 2021 Regulatory Agenda which can be found at <https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/eAgendaMain>

Released by the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, the Regulatory Agenda provides important public notice and transparency about proposed regulatory and deregulatory actions within the Executive Branch.

The only OA related regulatory agenda item is an update that "The Department is considering amending its apprenticeship regulations to rescind subpart B of title 29 CFR part 29, Labor Standards for the Registration of Apprenticeship Programs, including the status of those Standards Recognition Entities and Industry-Recognized Apprenticeship Programs that previously received recognition under the provisions of 29 CFR part 29, subpart B, and to make additional conforming edits in subpart A as appropriate." The Department is considering these actions in response to the Biden Administration Executive Order signed on February 17, 2021 which revoked Executive Order 13801 and directed federal departments and agencies to consider taking steps promptly to rescind any orders, rules, regulations, guidelines or policies implementing Executive Order 13801, including IRAPs.

As mentioned in the update, the Department is only considering this amendment at this time. If the Department decides to move forward with a rescission of subpart B, we will issue a public notice via the Federal Register. In the meantime, the suspension of new Standards Recognition

Entities is still in place. We will continue to keep you updated as these considerations move forward.

The National Apprenticeship Act of 2021 passed the House on February 5 and is still sitting with the Senate and we have not heard anything else on it as of today.

Apprenticeship.gov:

OA recently updated the apprenticeship.gov website. Please take a look at the new features. There's an updated section directed at sponsors on Equal Employment Opportunity, with tools and functions you can use to develop and enhance your EEO and outreach efforts.

<https://www.apprenticeship.gov/eoo>

Respectfully submitted,  
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