

REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP

Program website: <http://www.doleta.gov/oa>

PERFORMANCE GOALS

Performance Measures	Quarter Ending 3/31/08	Quarter Ending 3/31/09
Number of New Programs in Industries that comprise the High Growth Job Training Initiative	227	281
Total Apprentices (Active Apprentices)	317,419	311,964
New Apprentices	19,335	33,047
Programs Maintained Total (Active Programs)	15,332	15,002
New Programs	318	308

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Registered Apprenticeship System is a federal-state partnership that is helping to meet our skilled talent development needs for the 21st century. Registered Apprenticeship combines on-the-job learning with related technical instruction provided by various educational institutions and sponsors. The strategic goals for the Registered Apprenticeship System focus on:

- working in a regional economic context
- expanding into targeted high growth industries
- providing greater access to postsecondary education and alternative pathways for at risk youth
- increasing the use of technology-based learning and competency based models.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS/INNOVATIONS

Jobs Training Partners (Western Iowa Community College and Iowa Workforce Development Region 12 Career One Stop Center) have been awarded \$93,020 for an Apprenticeship Integration Recovery Act project.

The overarching purpose of this Recovery Act project is to help ensure the availability of an adequate number of highly skilled workers for the employment and economic development opportunities emerging in the targeted industries of wind energy, renewable fuels, “green” industrial maintenance, and health care.

This project’s short-term impact is to allow this region to adopt a robust Registered Apprenticeship program in alignment with local regional economic development strategies, and to help the Sioux Crew start the implementation of its Regional Innovation Grant comprehensive strategic plan.

ANALYSIS

- The number of New Programs in Industries that comprise the High Growth Job Training Initiative increased by 24 percent between March 2008 and March 2009 with a substantial increase in the construction industry.
- The number of Active Apprentices decreased by approximately two percent.
- The number of Active Programs maintained also declined by approximately two percent.
- The number of New Programs declined by three percent.