

1. **Abstract:** H-1B Ready to Work Partnership Grant (SGA/DFA PY-13-07)
2. **Lead Applicant's Name:** Nebraska Department of Labor
3. **Lead Applicant's City/State:** Lincoln, Nebraska
4. **Primary Partnership Entities:**
 - a. Nebraska Department of Labor
 - b. Metropolitan Community College
 - c. University of Nebraska at Omaha
5. **Areas Served By Grant:** Omaha Metropolitan Area
6. **Total Funding Requested:** \$9,162,679.69
7. **Project Name:** Nebraska's Ready to Work Partnership
8. **Summary of Program Activities and Credentials to Be Awarded:** Activities will include an assessment tool developed to help identify IT skill and education gaps for participants, and educational components consisting of short term introductory training (Fab Lab and UNO Summer IT Academy), and long-term training (associate's and bachelor's degrees). Participants will have the opportunity to receive associate degrees through Metropolitan Community College or bachelor degrees through University of Nebraska at Omaha.
9. **Populations to be Served:** Participants will include at the long-term unemployed constituting a minimum of 85% of the total participants, with the remainder being comprised of incumbent workers and other unemployed individuals.
10. **Targeted H-1B Industry/Occupations:** Information Technology Sector, including positions such as Computer Systems Analyst, Computer and Information Systems Managers, Computer Programmers, and Software Developers.

11. **Required Employer Partners:** Xpanxion, Proxibid, Snitily Carr, and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Nebraska.
12. **Additional Key Partners:** Nebraska Department of Economic Development (DED), and Heartland Workforce Solutions (HWS) Board.
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