

Kansas Department of Corrections

GRANTEE: Kansas Department of Corrections

LOCATION OF GRANT ACTIVITIES: Shawnee and Sedgwick Counties, KS

AMOUNT: \$995,407

VALUE OF MATCH AND OTHER LEVERAGED RESOURCES: \$326,800

POPULATION SERVED: Offenders between the ages of 18 and 24 housed in state correctional facilities

KEY PARTNERSHIPS: Kansas Department of Commerce Workforce Development Division, Work Force Alliance of South Central Kansas, Workforce Investment Board of Wichita

KEY STRATEGIES: Offenders will enter the registered apprenticeship programs in the correctional facilities and continue post-release with partnering employers, primarily in the greater metropolitan Topeka and Wichita areas. Forty offenders will participate in the program during the first year, receiving training in welding, masonry, and HVAC trades. The program will promote cooperation between public and private sector to leverage assets and resources in order to develop a more highly skilled workforce, in turn attracting economic development and employers in the target regions. The program will also provide training and support for youthful offenders to reenter communities equipped with the tools and skills they need to pursue productive, crime-free lives.

PROPOSED OUTCOMES: Approximately 40 offenders will complete the program during the first year-20 in welding, 12 in masonry, and 8 in HVAC systems.

- At least 90% of youthful offenders who enter the apprenticeship training program will continue in their registered apprenticeship program upon release.
- At least 90% of enrollees will secure letters of intent to hire prior to release from correctional facilities.
- At least 90% of enrollees who secure employment will demonstrate an increase in earnings as measured by follow-up data one year from release date.
- At least 90% of enrollees will express satisfaction with program services as measured by satisfaction surveys.

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