

Executive Summary

Engaging Employers to Support Work-Based Learning as a Strategy to Diversify the Talent Pipeline

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This webinar provided an opportunity to better understand how to secure employer partners' support for work-based learning activities. The discussion explored topics such as specific work-based learning models and strategies for effectively engaging employers in these models. This webinar offered ample time for in-depth Q&A among grantees.

Peer Learning Webinar Goals:

- The discussion highlighted how to secure employer support for work-based learning activities and how to address participant barriers.
- Understand how work-based learning combines academic learning with on-the-job experience and can support educational and career advancement, ultimately building a diverse talent pipeline that addresses employers' staffing needs.
- Gain an understanding of various types of work-based learning models and how these models can support TechHire projects and participant placement.
- Offer TechHire grantees examples of work-based learning models and resources that provide participants with important training and work experience, while helping employers meet their staffing needs.

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