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## Tech Quest Apprenticeship

Scaling Apprenticeships Through Sector-Based Strategies Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration Job Training Grant

Tech Quest Apprenticeship is a U.S. Department of Labor-funded initiative led by *Clark University*, Public Consulting Group (PCG), and a national consortium of workforce development boards and higher education institutions that will provide *4000 preapprenticeships and 1000 IT and IT- related apprenticeships* to unemployed, underemployed, and incumbent workers over the next four years. Tech Quest is dedicated to serving a wide variety of underrepresented populations including veterans, military spouses and transitioning service members, minorities, women and ex-offenders. The four-year initiative launched in July of 2019.

## Tech Quest will register and expand *five new IT and IT-related apprenticeships* and *expand five existing technology-focused apprenticeship programs*.

Through these apprenticeship programs, workers will be matched with employers and receive both on-the-job and related instruction, increasing their wages as they improve their skills and move up the career ladder. Tech Quest will engage a minimum of **50** employers in apprenticeship activities.

Participating *Local Workforce Development Boards representing communities across eight states,* including Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Florida, Missouri, Texas, Nevada, California, and Oregon, will bring their skills and expertise in regional business engagement, local participant recruitment, and complementary resources to maximize strong participant outcomes.

Clark University and partner *Institutions of Higher Education* will work collaboratively with business and industry to provide instructional design, training services, and curriculum standards for certification.

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