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Scott Walker, Governor
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We are pleased to announce the release of the 2014-2015 Youth Apprenticeship Local Grant and Program Application Request for Proposals. As you know, Governor Walker is dedicated to empowering Wisconsin students to pursue opportunities that will lead to fulfilling careers through the Youth Apprenticeship (YA) Program, as demonstrated by his commitment of \$500,000 in additional funding during this fiscal year.

At DWD, we are working to ensure that students can access programs, including Youth Apprenticeship, that enable students to gain work experience in high school. These experiences are critical to students as they consider life after high school and make decisions about post-secondary education and training.

This 2014-15 RFP grant application encourages existing consortia to broaden their programs to enroll a greater variety of students and to increase the number of students served. We also ask that you demonstrate your commitment by ramping up coordination of your youth apprenticeship programs with your local Workforce Development Boards, Wisconsin Technical College System colleges, registered apprenticeship programs, Department of Children and Families through the PATHS grant, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation through the PROMISE grant (<http://promisewi.com/>), and other partners that will expand employment opportunities for our youth.

The deadline to submit proposals to DWD is April 25th and late applications will not be accepted. Any questions regarding the application process should be directed to Amelia Phillips, who can be reached at 608-267-3214 or Amelia.Phillips@dwd.wisconsin.gov, or to Jamie Bernthal, who can be reached at 608-267-7210 or JamieT.Bernthal@dwd.wisconsin.gov.

Thank you for the work you do to serve youth and employers in your communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Reggie Newson".

Reggie Newson
Secretary