



# Youth Apprenticeship Coordinator Forum – 2015

## General Program Updates & Miscellaneous Information

### FUNDING SCOREBOARD

#### Current Budget Year – 7/1/2014 thru 6/30/2015

- ◆ Local Youth Apprenticeship Grants Award – **\$2,233,700**
  - Number of Students Planned: 2,500
  - Number of Students Enrolled: 2,478
  - Needed to Meet Planned Goal: **22**
- ◆ Kudos to the YA Coordinators for another year of high enrollments resulting in a 99.7% encumbered rate of the allocated funds.

### FUNDING FORECAST

#### Budget Year – 7/1/2015 thru 6/30/2016

The Governor maintains his commitment to Wisconsin's Youth Apprenticeship program through the continuation of the increased funding of \$500,000 per year, same level as the last biennial budget that was added after the budget passed.

- ◆ Local Youth Apprenticeship Grants – **\$2,233,700** July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016
- ◆ 32 Grant Applications Received (Solicitation closed **Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>** )
- ◆ Total request: \$2,550,828
- ◆ Projected students: 3,187

### ADMINISTRATIVE OVERSIGHT UPDATE

The Governor's Council on Workforce Investment (CWI) is the federally required State body under the Workforce Investment Act to assist the Governor in the development and continuous improvement of the statewide workforce system and the oversight of the YA program.

The CWI was charged with ensuring that Wisconsin's employers have a pipeline to the skilled workforce that they need and access to training for in-demand careers with the ultimate goal of moving



Wisconsin's economy forward. The CWI submitted its 2014-2018 Workforce and Talent Development Strategic Plan from which four subcommittees developed 18 strategies to move Wisconsin forward.

#### **The Subcommittees:**

- ◆ Talent Development, Attraction, and Retention (TDAR)
- ◆ Education for Workforce and Talent Development (EWTD)
- ◆ Development of Sustainable Partnerships (DSP)
- ◆ Alignment of Workforce Programs (AWP)

#### **The strategies:**

1. Develop Career Counseling/Career Month
2. Add Attraction and Retention Tax Credits for Skilled Graduates
3. Incorporate Relocation Tax Credit and Loan forgiveness
4. Expand Youth and Adult Apprenticeship Participation and Programming
5. Support Transportable Skill Sets for Transportable Careers
6. Deliver Financial Incentives for Attraction/Entrepreneurship
7. Engage in Marketing that Attracts Millennials and Entrepreneurs
8. Expand Broadband Access
9. Recognize the importance of developing children's executive function skills during their early years
10. Allow high school juniors to start work-based learning to graduate on-track
11. Update Wisconsin's school report cards to include measures of career readiness and other work-based learning measures
12. Ensure every high school student experiences quality work-based learning opportunities
13. Develop an image-building campaign for career opportunities in high demand fields
14. Improve access to 1- and 2-year certificate and 2- and 4-year degree programs that support career opportunities in high demand fields
15. Ensure UW and Wisconsin Technical Colleges address the underserved educational needs of economic leader positions
16. Wisconsin partnership champions at the state and local levels
17. The state must build a partnerships and opportunities clearinghouse
18. Support industry engagement

To read the entire plan, go to the CWI website at: <http://www.wi-cwi.org>

### **LEGISLATIVE LANDSCAPE**

2015-2017 Governor's Executive Budget

#### **WISCONSIN FAST FORWARD**

**Governor:** Transfer \$3,000,000 annually to DWD, and provide authority to administer a career and technical education incentive grants program.

Under current law, the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) administers a career and technical education incentive grants program that provides awards to school districts in the amount of \$1,000 for



each pupil in the school district who, in the prior school year, obtained a high school diploma in the district and successfully completed an industry-recognized certification program approved by DPI. The bill would eliminate this grant program (funded at \$3.0 million GPR in 2014-15 under DPI) and add language to DWD's workforce training (known as "Wisconsin Fast Forward") grant appropriation to include funding for a career and technical education incentive grant program and allow DWD to provide grants to school districts for the development of programs that are designed to mitigate workforce shortages in industries and occupations that are experiencing a workforce shortage, as determined by DWD, and to assist pupils in graduating with industry-recognized certifications in those industries and occupations.

Further, modify DWD's workforce training program appropriation to include two previously separate DWD appropriations: local youth apprenticeship grants and apprenticeship completion awards. Delete the youth apprenticeship training grants program that began in 1991, as funding was last received in the 1997-1999 biennial budget. Modify the provision regarding eligible uses for Wisconsin Fast Forward workforce training grants to include the hiring and training of apprentices in Wisconsin. DWD would be instructed to report annually on the number of participating apprentices, those that obtained gainful employment or received increased compensation, and the total wages earned by those apprentices both before and after participating in the program.

### What's Next?

Change is inevitable so it is important to keep yourself well informed on current legislative matters. Websites that can help you stay informed include the following:

#### **Wisconsin Legislative Notifications Website**

The Wisconsin Legislative Notification System allows anyone the opportunity to follow legislation by receiving daily or weekly emails for specific legislative activities.

<https://notify.legis.wisconsin.gov/login?ReturnUrl=%2f>

#### **WisPolitics.com "Wisconsin's Premier Political News Service"**

<http://www.wispolitics.com/>

#### **WisconsinEye**

Fully digital broadcast production via television and the Internet. State-of-the-art coverage in the Capitol gavel-to-gavel, unedited coverage of state proceedings, live and archived.

<http://www.wiseye.org/>

#### **Who are my Legislators?**

<http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov/w3asp/waml/waml.aspx>

**The Wisconsin Internet Map Server (WIMS)** is an internet-based GIS application.

[http://www.legis.state.wi.us/ltsb/redistricting/interactive\\_map.htm](http://www.legis.state.wi.us/ltsb/redistricting/interactive_map.htm)

