



**Abstract**

**Lead applicant/organization name:** East Valley Institute of Technology

**Lead applicant entity type:** Local School District

**Lead applicant city and state:** Mesa, Arizona

**Selected grant category for which applicant is applying for:** Category 3

**Project title/name:** Crafting Futures: Apprenticeship Initiatives at EVIT

**Funding amount requested:** \$6,000,000.00

**Geographic scope of the proposed project:** Local Registered Apprenticeship Hub

**Organization name and entity type of required partner:**

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**Organization names and entity type of optional partners:**

EVIT has over 440 affiliation agreements to host students for internships. We will focus on adding apprenticeships to these agreements and developing new partnerships across the county.

**Project purpose:** EVIT will utilize the full \$6 million dollars in federal assistance through the Apprenticeship Building America, Round 2 (ABA2) grant to establish the first Career & Technical Education District (CTED) local registered apprenticeship hub, enabling EVIT to bridge the gap between workforce demand and supply, empower individuals with valuable skills and certifications, and foster a thriving, inclusive economy in the East Valley of Phoenix. This grant funding will support the creation of pathways through apprenticeships to employment for



students, particularly those from underserved populations, thereby driving positive outcomes for both individuals and the broader community.

**List of credential(s) to be awarded (if applicable):**

Electrical
OSHA10
NCCER Core
Lock Out Tag Out Certification

HVACR
OSHA10
EPA608

Plumbing
OSHA10
CPR/First Aid

Welding
OSHA10
D1.1 Structural Welding - Steel Certification
SMAW Shielded Metal Arc Welding Certification
GMAW Gas Metal Arc Welding
GTAW Gas Tungsten Arc Welding with the use of thermal cutting equipment
FCAW Flux Cored Arc Welding

Source: [www.evit.edu](http://www.evit.edu)

**Summary of program activities:**

Program Goal #1 Apprenticeships: EVIT will develop and expand at least six apprenticeship programs that result in six new RAPs over the course of 4 years. Action steps include converting six CTE programs to pre-apprenticeship programs, enrolling students in at least six apprenticeship programs, developing an active advisory committee that meets twice a year and serving as a hub to support the creation of additional RAPs.

Program Goal #2 Enrollment: Each academic year, EVIT aims to increase the enrollment of underrepresented (women, foster youth, person of color, veterans) individuals by 10% annually into apprenticeship programs. Action steps include executing two annual targeted enrollment campaigns, four digital marketing campaigns, participating as a sponsor in Arizona Construction Career Days, and visiting 100% of the EVIT high school and adult trades classrooms to present information on the Apprenticeship program and opportunities.



Program Goal #3 Certifications: By the end of each academic year, EVIT will ensure that 100% of its students enrolled in the first year apprenticeship programs earn industry-recognized certifications or credentials. Action steps include updating the current facilities through renovations to ensure a positive academic and technical skill learning environment, updating the equipment in the apprenticeships to reflect the technical skills needed in industry, collecting official documentation from accrediting bodies and implementing targeted curriculum enhancements

Program Goal #4 Placement: By the end of each academic year, EVIT will ensure that 100% of the apprenticeship students that complete the apprenticeship have the opportunity to be employed in the apprenticeship field. Action steps include hosting a Career/Job Fair with Apprenticeship employers at all campuses and recruiting additional employers into the apprenticeship ecosystem

Program Goal #5 Partnerships: Each academic year, EVIT aims to increase its industry partnerships by a rate equivalent to the increase in apprenticeship enrollment. Action steps include hosting an Apprenticeship Employer Appreciation event, hosting an Apprenticeship “Signing Day” event with employers, and promoting National Apprenticeship Week.

Program Goal #6 Professional Development and Resource Creation: Over the next four years, EVIT aims to enhance Arizona’s Registered Apprenticeship ecosystem by offering annual professional development while creating technical resources. Actions steps include developing digital marketing materials, creating short programmatic videos for each apprenticeship, producing an EVIT Apprenticeship handbook for each specialized program, along with preparing an annual list of professional development in subject matter expertise per semester

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