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| OFFICE OF APPRENTICESHIPBULLETIN | **NO.** 2024-28 |
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**TO:** NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP SYSTEM STAKEHOLDERS

 OFFICE OF APPRENTICESHIP STAFF

 STATE APPRENTICESHIP AGENCIES

**FROM:** JOHN V. LADD /s/

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**SUBJECT:** Notice of Proposed Rulemaking – National Apprenticeship System Enhancements

1. **Purpose.** To inform Registered Apprenticeship stakeholders and the staffs of the Office of Apprenticeship (OA) and State Apprenticeship Agencies (SAA) of the publication of a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM), Regulatory Identifier Number 1205-AC13, National Apprenticeship System Enhancements in the Federal Register on Wednesday, January 17th, 2024.
2. **Action Requested.** This NPRM may be accessed through the Federal eRulemaking portal at <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/01/17/2023-27851/national-apprenticeship-system-enhancements>. Stakeholders and related audiences of the National Apprenticeship System may choose to familiarize themselves with the NPRM and avail themselves of the public comment process.

OA will host a Workforce GPS webinar on January 25, 2024 at 2:00pm EST to provide a roadmap for reviewing the NPRM and an overview of its contents. Registration for the webinar is available at: <https://www.workforcegps.org/events/2024/01/15/20/07/An-Overview-of-Proposed-Rulemaking-1205-AC13-National-Apprenticeship-System-Enhancements>.

1. **Summary and Background.**
	1. Summary –The Department of Labor issued this proposed rule to revise the regulation governing registered apprenticeship and the National Apprenticeship System by enhancing worker protections and equity, improving the quality of registered apprenticeship programs, revising the State governance provisions, and strengthening the link between post-secondary education and registered apprenticeship through the establishment of registered career and technical education apprenticeships. This proposed rule bolsters the capacity of the National Apprenticeship System to respond to evolving employer needs while ensuring that registered apprenticeship programs provide workers with equitable pathways to good jobs.
	2. Background – On January 17, 2024, the Office of the Federal Register published the NPRM titled National Apprenticeship System Enhancements (Regulatory Identifier Number 1205-AC13), which would update the regulations at 29 CFR part 29 addressing labor standards of apprenticeship and the governance of the National Apprenticeship System. The NPRM also proposes technical and conforming adjustments to the current text of 29 CFR part 30 (governing equal employment opportunity in apprenticeships).

**Inquiries.** The 61-day public comment period for this NPRM starts on January 17th, 2024 and ends on March 18th, 2024. During this period, the Department will accept all public comments through <https://www.regulations.gov/commenton/ETA-2023-0004-0001>. Once submitted, all comments, including any attachments or supporting documentation, become a matter of public record and will be posted, without change, to <https://www.regulations.gov/commenton/ETA-2023-0004-0001>