

The Capital Region is preparing an application for submission to the Economic Development Administration's (EDA) Good Jobs Challenge funding opportunity. To strengthen this effort, we are seeking Letters of Support from partners and stakeholders and Letters of Commitment from employers to hire through this initiative. EDA is specifically discouraging template or form letters, therefore the following information is provided to assist in building a Letter of Support or Letter of Commitment.

Summary:

The Capital Region will be submitting an application for the EDA's Good Jobs Challenge. The application will be focused on the Information, Communications and Technology (ICT) sector, to support technology positions across industries connected to the Prosperity Strategy, the region's federally-designated Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). The region served will include Sacramento, Yolo, Placer, and El Dorado counties. The focus is on collaborating to deliver employer driven skills training and support to ensure historically underserved populations and areas, communities of color, women, and other groups facing labor market barriers have access to the high quality careers in this sector.

Goal:

The overall project goal is to deliver a coordinated digital skill building scaffolded pipeline from historically underserved populations across our region to high quality jobs in the ICT sector crossing key sectors of our regional economy aligned with the regional CEDS, the Greater Sacramento Region Prosperity Strategy. **The strength of this proposal will include the linking together of a vibrant network of community-based organizations, skill building activities and training entities securely attached to employer needs while ensuring access to the community members most in need.** This project will address current skills gaps through the development of clear career pathways for high demand quality jobs in the ICT sector spanning the intersectionality of our region's key target industry clusters: Food and Agriculture, Life Sciences and Future Mobility.

Key Information for a Letter of Support or Letter of Commitment:

Address to: Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration

Reference: Funding Opportunity Number = EDA-HDQ-ARPGJ-2021-2006964, Application submitted by the Sacramento Employment and Training Agency (SETA)

Options for Inclusion:

- There is a need for additional trained workers with specific ICT skills (can list specific needs for your organization or business as applicable)
- Community members, especially historically underserved or high barrier (can describe with more detail based on your service area or experience), have a desire to learn these skills and/or access these jobs
- There is a need for coordination and alignment for this sector to support the needs of our regional economy
- If an employer, your business is willing to support and hire trained workers from this initiative

Deadline for Letters of Support or Letters of Commitment: February 5, 2022

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