



U.S. Department
of Labor



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of Veterans Affairs

Dear Registered Apprenticeship Sponsor,

We appreciate your commitment to invest in your workforce through high quality training and career opportunities. Industries today are constantly on the lookout for talent, and our nation's Veterans are a proven talent pool.

As a Registered Apprenticeship program, your program is qualified to be “**Approved for the GI Bill®**”.

Veterans are in the driver's seat when it comes to using their GI Bill benefits. Veterans who have existing benefits under the GI Bill, including the Post-9/11 GI Bill, who are in approved apprenticeships may qualify for:

- A monthly stipend in addition to their wages, to help them meet their expenses during their apprenticeship; and
- Up to 12 months of retroactive GI Bill benefits

We have enclosed two flyers:

- 1) Information for Veteran apprentices on using their GI Bill benefits for apprenticeships
- 2) Information on how your apprenticeship program can be “**Approved for the GI Bill®**” to enable your eligible Veterans to access this benefit

A Registered Apprenticeship program seeking to become “**Approved for the GI Bill®**,” should complete the two enclosed forms, and send them, along with your Registered Apprenticeship Program Standards, to your State Approving Agency to start the approval process.

Upon approval, we encourage you to include in your apprenticeship job openings that the positions are “**Approved for the GI Bill®**,” to inform Veterans about their eligibility for benefits as an apprentice with your organization. Please also include the trademark disclaimer “GI Bill® is a registered trademark of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). More information about education benefits offered by VA is available at the official U.S. government Web site at <http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill>.”

On behalf of the U.S. Department of Labor and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, we thank you for your investment in America's workforce and your assistance in helping Veterans understand and access their benefits.

Sincerely,

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