

March 8, 2021

TO: State Sprinkler Fitter Apprenticeship Advisory Committee Members and Consultants

FROM: Owen Smith, Bureau of Apprenticeship Standards; Owen.Smith@dwd.wisconsin.gov

SUBJECT: State Sprinkler Fitter Apprenticeship Advisory Committee meeting

DATE: Tuesday, March 30, 2021

TIME: 1:00 PM

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TENTATIVE AGENDA

1. Call the meeting to order.
2. Record attendees.
3. Review the roster.

4. For action:

- a. Approve the minutes.
- b. Review the applicant assessment requirements.
- c. Review the state standards.

5. Discussion Items

- a. Registered apprenticeship during COVID-19
- b. Mandatory registration in BASERS, effective July 1, 2021
- c. Implementing revisions to CFR 29.30
- d. [Biden Administration Bolsters Registered Apprenticeship](#)
- e. [National Apprenticeship Act 2021](#)
- f. [Wisconsin Apprenticeship Completer Report](#)
- g. Implementing Transition to Trainer and Teaching Transition to Trainer
- h. Supportive services and OJL reimbursement for registered apprentices
- i. Applicant outreach campaign and revisions to www.WisconsinApprenticeship.org
- j. Apprenticeship Completion Award Program
- k. BAS leadership and personnel changes
- l. 2021 National Apprenticeship Week
- m. Other

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6. WTCS Update
7. Review the program participants.
8. Schedule the next meeting.
9. Adjourn.

Draft Minutes of the
Automatic Fire Sprinkler Fitter
State Apprenticeship Advisory Committee

September 10, 2020
Webinar

Members Present	Employer / Organization
Burg, Nick	Sprinkler Fitters Local 183
Carlson, Sherry	Design Build Fire Protection
Driebel, Dan	Sprinkler Fitters Local 669
Gall, Corey (Co-Chair)	Sprinkler Fitters Local 183
Klug, Kevin	Dave Jones Inc.
Sferra, Steve (Co-Chair)	United States Alliance Fire Protection
Members Absent	Employer / Organization
Consultants & Guests	Employer / Organization
Badger, Richard	Bureau of Apprenticeship Standards
Burkette, Blair	Blair Fire Protection
Emrick, Leigh	Associated Builders & Contractors
Johnson, Josh	Bureau of Apprenticeship Standards
Smith, Owen	Bureau of Apprenticeship Standards

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Co-Chair Core Gall in conformity with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law.
2. Mr. Smith recorded attendance.
3. Attendees held a minute of silence for Mr. Mike Biel, former committee member, who passed away earlier in the year.
4. The committee reviewed its current roster. A quorum was present. **Two Employer members will be added: one for Associated Builders and Contractors; one for the National Fire Sprinkler Association. Two Employee members will be added: Dan Olson replaced Mike Biel; and labor will add an additional member.**

The state committee asked to review the percentages of Employer members at the next meeting.

5. Special Topic: Modernizing Youth Apprenticeship Curriculum

Ms. Amy Phillips reported that the state youth apprenticeship staff and Worldwide Instructional Design System are revising all youth apprenticeship curriculum to ensure it meets the needs of industry and aligns with applicable registered apprenticeships. She noted that the project will include revising the Architecture & Construction youth apprenticeship, which includes a sub-focus in the occupation. She encouraged attendees to participate and validate the curriculum.

The state committee thanked Ms. Phillips for her presentation. Several members volunteered to review the curriculum.

5. Old Business

a. For action: approve the minutes

The minutes were approved as written.

b. Registered apprenticeship during COVID-19

Director Johnson reported that 1,000 less apprentices are registered than this time last year. The most noticeable declines are in the service and utility sectors; construction was affected the least. He noted that the decline more represents the absence of new apprentice contracts than the cancellation of existing contracts.

Director Johnson noted that Bureau staff have been working from home since March and will continue through 2020. He thanked all attendees for their organizations' support for virtual meetings and continuing business as usual, to the extent possible.

Attendees did not have questions or comments.

c. Implementing revisions to CFR 29.30

Director Johnson reported the Bureau's current efforts to implement CFR 29.30. The Bureau continues to update the Wisconsin Apprenticeship Manual with laws that were passed since the manual was last revised, such as CFR 29.30. The Bureau drafted the new discrimination and harassment complaint form and disability disclosure form for apprentices and revised the quality assessment for all sponsors.

The discrimination form and quality assessment form will be reviewed by the WI Apprenticeship Advisory Council at its year-end meeting. The disability disclosure form has been in circulation for the past few months and the response rate has been high.

Attendees did not have questions or comments.

d. Federal grants to expand registered apprenticeship

Director Johnson reported that the WAGE\$ grant concluded in September. The Bureau met most of its goals with exception of enrollment in some new occupations, which is not a surprise because enrollment in new occupations grows slowly.

The first and second rounds of the state expansion grant expire on October 30. Round two includes reimbursements to sponsors that hire underrepresented populations and graduates of certified pre-apprenticeship programs; the reimbursements cover certain costs of on-the-job learning.

Reimbursements will be issued on a first come, first served basis. The related policies are pending approval of the Department of Administration populations.

The Bureau received a fourth round of federal grant funding, totaling \$9 million. The grant goals include the following: register 3,000 new apprentices; increase underrepresented populations in registered apprenticeship; align related instruction for specific registered apprenticeships with curriculum in technical diploma and associate degree programs; incentivize sponsoring registered apprentices; fund an extensive, applicant-focused outreach campaign; and hire an Apprenticeship Navigator for the northeast and four new Apprenticeship Training Representatives for specific sectors, excluding construction.

Director Johnson noted that he was excited that the Department of Labor awarded the grant to the Bureau after the retirement of former director, Karen Morgan. He considered the grant a sign of faith in his leadership. Forty-two states received a base of \$450,000; eight states received more than \$8 million.

Attendees did not have questions or comments.

e. Industry-Recognized Apprenticeship Programs (IRAPs)

Director Johnson reported that IRAPs were implemented this year and the standards recognition entities, or approving bodies, were announced on the Department of Labor website this September. The Bureau, with the support of the WI Department of Workforce Development, maintains it will not approve IRAPs in Wisconsin. Instead, the Bureau will offer flexible registered apprenticeships.

Attendees did not have questions or comments.

f. Applicant outreach campaign and revisions to www.WisconsinApprenticeship.org

Director Johnson reported that the applicant outreach campaign to be funded by the new federal grant will include a complete redesign of the Bureau website. The new website will look and function like a business website, not a government website, and be much more user-friendly to career seekers, potential sponsors, and current sponsors and apprentices.

Attendees did not have questions or comments.

g. Apprenticeship Completion Award Program

Director Johnson reviewed the most recent reimbursement statistics. He reiterated that ACAP has continued to be a clear example of bipartisan support for registered apprenticeship for several years.

Attendees did not have questions or comments.

h. Other

Attendees did not have questions or comments.

6. New Business

a. Mandatory registration in BASERS

Director Johnson reported that he has proposed that all current and future sponsors must register in and perform contract actions through BASERS as of July 1, 2021. Sponsors that do not comply will not be permitted to register new apprentices. He will discuss the proposal with the WI Apprenticeship Advisory

Council at its upcoming meeting. The objective of the proposal is to position BASERS as the central contract and communication portal between the Bureau and all sponsors, now and in the future.

The state committee voiced support for BASERS; all local committees have registered and perform all contract actions through the app.

b. For action: revising state standards, including applicant assessment requirements, ASVAB

Mr. Smith reported that all state committees will review their state standards throughout 2021 to ensure all recent legislative and policy updates have been incorporated and all content is current.

State construction committees will also review their applicant assessment requirements

Mr. Smith reported that several state construction committees asked the Bureau to research whether the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery would be a feasible alternative for veterans, in lieu of the local assessments. Mr. Smith reported, however, that the ASVAB is a categorically different assessment than the Accuplacer and ACT and is not used by the Wisconsin Technical College System. Therefore, if implemented, it would create unequal requirements for veterans and civilian applicant.

Mr. Smith asked attendees whether they prefer the Bureau research the topic further.

The state committee supported the Bureau researching ASVAB further, but the local committees acknowledged that applicants rarely ask to submit ASVAB scores.

c. 2020 Meeting of National Association of State and Territorial Apprenticeship Directors

Director Johnson reported that the NASTAS Conference will be held virtually throughout the week of September 29.

Attendees did not have questions or comments.

d. 2020 National Apprenticeship Week

Director Johnson reported that National Apprenticeship Week will occur the week of November 8.

Sponsors and stakeholders are encouraged to host virtual events and provide the access information to the Bureau for inclusion on the master calendar.

Attendees did not have questions or comments.

e. 2021 Biennial Apprenticeship Conference

Director Johnson reported that he and the WI Apprenticeship Advisory Council voted to postpone the conference until the spring of 2022 due to COVID-19.

Attendees did not have questions or comments.

f. Revising Transition to Trainer and Teaching Transition to Trainer

Director Johnson reported that the Wisconsin Technical College System is revising both courses to align them with current training needs, remove outdated content, enhance their delivery online, and broaden the pool of potential instructors. The project is scheduled to finish by the end of the year; the courses are projected to be implemented in early 2021.

Co-Chair Gall reported that Mike Biel was the local committee's trainer; the committee will need to train a new trainer.

Director Johnson replied that the requirements for new trainers will be determined and communicated by the end of the year. The project prioritizes making the training more accessible to more instructors.

g. BAS leadership and personnel changes

Director Johnson reported several personnel changes: ATR Chris Landreman accepted a new position with DWD Job Service; Darla Burton from youth apprenticeship accepted a new position; and Liz Pusch is the new BAS section chief. The Bureau will hire six new positions through its recent grant award.

Attendees did not have questions or comments.

h. Other

Attendees did not have questions or comments.

6. WTCS Update

Mr. Smith encouraged attendees to review the written summary.

7. Review the program participants.

Program participants included 97 apprentices and 20 employers with contracts active or unassigned on September 1, 2020. Director Johnson complimented the local committees on their high percentages of minority apprentices.

The committee commented that the participant report shows that participation has held mostly steady during the pandemic.

8. The committee tentatively asked to schedule its next meeting via electronic survey.

9. The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Submitted by Owen Smith, Program & Policy Analyst

Employment and Salary Data

2018-19 Apprenticeship Completion



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Employment Location



Employment Location 2016-17



Employment Location 2017-18



Employment Location 2018-19



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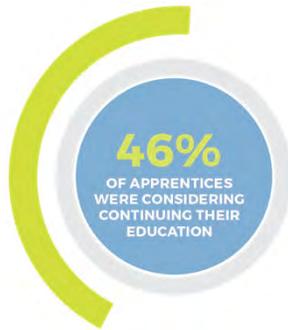
Continuing Education



2016-17 Apprenticeship Completers

2017-18 Apprenticeship Completers

2018-19 Apprenticeship Completers



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Looking ahead...



- DWD-BAS will be reorganizing instructional program groups into new industry sectors: currently Construction, Industrial, and Service. This will at some point affect future version of the report, which WTCS will adapt to match DWD-BAS guidelines.
- Please keep WTCS in mind if you have captured apprenticeship-related imagery, especially regarding new apprenticeship programs and those featuring demographic minorities.
- Contact: nancy.nakkoul@wtcsystem.edu or dan.arneson@wtcsystem.edu

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Distribution



- WTCS will be distributing a web link in lieu of printing a physical report this year, please bookmark and share widely the link to the electronic version of the most recent Apprenticeship Completion report, which again demonstrates strong outcomes and the value of Wisconsin's earn-while-you-learn apprenticeship model to individuals and employers. The link will be distributed to the following:
 - DWD - Bureau of Apprenticeship Standards
 - Wisconsin Apprenticeship Advisory Council
 - State Trade Committees (Apprenticeship Advisory)
 - WTCS Board Members
 - WTCS Apprenticeship Coordinators
 - College Marketing Teams
 - WI High Schools - Counselors

Online at: www.wtcsystem.edu->About Us->Publications and Resources

Direct Link: <https://www.wtcsystem.edu/2018-19-WTCS-Apprenticeship-Completer-Report>

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March 1, 2021

Dear Apprenticeship Sponsor:

Last summer, our agency advised you via letter that within one year, by July 1, 2021, all apprenticeship sponsors will be required to register in the Bureau of Apprenticeship Standards Electronic Registration System (BASERS) and use the interface to enroll incoming apprentices. At its February 9, 2021 meeting, the Wisconsin Apprenticeship Advisory Council affirmed its support for our agency's BASERS policy and the July 1 deadline.

Sponsors who have not yet registered in BASERS, or those who need further assistance using the platform, should contact their Apprenticeship Training Representative promptly. The ATRs can provide the necessary technical assistance to meet the July 1, 2021 deadline.

BASERS is an intuitive, self-service website for sponsors developed as part of a national initiative toward registered apprenticeship expansion and modernization. The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has only underscored the benefits of conducting business through a virtual system like BASERS, which connects stakeholders across the state without the need for face-to-face contact.

The benefits of BASERS, once a sponsor has registered, are as follows:

- Faster creation and approval of contracts;
- Increased access to information about a sponsor's own program;
- The capacity to initiate and track contract actions such as cancellations, work assignments, and completions;
- The ability to ensure records are accurate before finalization.

Thank you for your continued support of Wisconsin Apprenticeship.

Sincerely,



Joshua A. Johnson, State Director
Wisconsin Apprenticeship

February 24, 2021

Dear Apprenticeship Employers:

The [link](#) is now live to access information on applying for on-the-job learning reimbursements through Wisconsin Apprenticeship grant funds. Follow the instructions offered in the [link](#) and review the information in this email regarding eligibility. The deadline for submitting questions regarding this announcement is March 5th at 2 p.m. CST. Awards may be made as soon as March 15th. Applications will be reviewed in the order in which they are received. Questions can be sent to our grants mailbox at dwdetgrants@dwd.wisconsin.gov.

The on-the-job learning reimbursements are part of a Wisconsin grant initiative, using federal grant funds, to help defray the extraordinary costs of training apprentices. Employers may be eligible for up to a \$1,000 reimbursement for each apprentice that they hired between July 1, 2019 and January 30, 2021, as long as the apprentice meets one of the following criteria:

- The apprentice previously completed a Wisconsin Youth Apprenticeship program in any career cluster; or
- The apprentice previously completed a state certified pre-apprenticeship program in any job sector. A detailed list of Wisconsin certified pre-apprenticeship programs can be found [here](#); or
- The apprentice was hired to work in the IT, Healthcare, Bio-Tech, Transportation, Agriculture or Financial Services sectors.

Employers may only receive one on-the-job learning reimbursement per apprentice that meets the qualifying criteria and cannot request reimbursement for the same apprentice more than once.

Thank you for being valued Wisconsin apprenticeship employers and sponsors.

Sincerely,



Joshua Johnson, State Director
Wisconsin Apprenticeship

Dear Wisconsin Apprentices:

Wisconsin Apprenticeship has federal grant funds available to provide supportive services to registered apprentices. Up to \$600 may be available to each Wisconsin registered apprentice to assist with the following apprenticeship-related costs:

- Uniforms or work clothing
- Tools
- Required physicals
- Books
- Test fees
- Mileage
- Bus passes
- Parking permits
- Childcare
- Rent & housing costs

Apprentices who began their apprenticeship between July 1, 2019 and March 31, 2022 are eligible. Reimbursements will be awarded to applicants through March 31, 2022, or until the funding runs out. Apprentices must contact the following organizations, according to location, to determine if they qualify:

**Milwaukee, Racine, Kenosha, Walworth,
Washington, Waukesha and Ozaukee
counties**

Employ Milwaukee
Jose Galvan
Jose.galvan@employmilwaukee.org
2342 North 27th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53210

**Office 414-270-1743
Cell 414-852-1914**

All other Wisconsin counties

South Central Workforce Development Board
Jeff Kennedy
jkennedy@wdbscw.org
3513 Anderson Street Ste 104
Madison, WI 53704

Office 608-249-9001 Ext. 230

Thank you for being valued Wisconsin apprentice.

Sincerely,



Joshua Johnson, State Director
Wisconsin Apprenticeship

ACAP Reimbursement Requests With Approvals Processed During (Time Period) - Summary

Apprenticeship Completion Award Program (ACAP)

Bureau of Apprenticeship Standards

Division of Employment and Training

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Filters Applied: Determination Date between 7/1/20 and 3/2/21, Fiscal Year(s)= FY21

Type	Fiscal Year	# of RRs	\$Approved	\$Denied
Year One	21		\$97,137.35	\$328,547.82
Year One Totals		404	\$97,137.35	\$328,547.82
Completion	21		\$179,424.43	\$771,505.80
Completion Totals		329	\$179,424.43	\$771,505.80
Report Totals		733	\$276,561.78	\$1,100,053.62



WTCS System-Wide Activity Update February 2021

2021 WTCS-BAS Apprenticeship Completion Report

The 2021 WTCS-BAS Apprenticeship Completer Report is now available online. The report contains employment, wage and training satisfaction outcomes for apprentices completing their programs in 2018-19. It can be found here: [2021 WTCS-BAS Apprentice Completer Report](#)

- Of the 1,195 completers surveyed, 365 (31%) responded. In the prior year report, 1143 completers were surveyed and response rate was 43%.
- Respondents reported a 95% satisfaction rate for on-the-job training and 97% for classroom instruction.
- Median salary across all trades increased to \$81,072, an increase of approximately \$800 more than the prior year.
- Respondents indicating an interest in continuing education beyond apprenticeship decreased from 44% last year to 35% this year.

MyWTCS Website Re-Design and Launch: New Apprenticeship Resources for [Preparing to Teach Transition to Trainer \(PT2TT2T\)](#)

MyWTCS is an intranet site for the Wisconsin Technical College System and stakeholders. Launched in February 2021, the newly re-designed site includes a new look and improved functionality and features, including additional apprenticeship resources such as the administrative guidance and teacher trainer course offerings for the Transition to Trainer course. The site can be found at: <https://mywtcs.wtcsystem.edu/>

New Proactive Approach to Revisions of Apprenticeship Related Instruction offered through the WTCS

Starting in 2021, the WTCS and BAS have adopted a 5-year cycle revision framework for all systemwide apprenticeship curriculum where related instruction is offered at more than one WTCS college. Approximately sixty systemwide apprenticeship programs have a documented curriculum standard model that will form the foundation for review of program and course outcomes and competencies. Apprenticeship faculty, industry sponsors and State Apprenticeship Trade Advisory Committees will be engaged in the review process. This proactive approach will ensure that learning remains current with industry needs and technological advancements. Program assignment within the 5-year cycle will remain fluid.

2020-21	2021-22
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carpentry (All) • Wastewater Treatment • Electrical (All) • Industrial Manufacturing Technician • IT-Service Desk • IT-Software Developer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HVAC (ABC) • Industrial Pipefitter • Mechatronics • Barber/Cosmetology • Bricklaying/Masonry • IT Cybersecurity • IT Data Analyst • Broadband Technician

Apprenticeship in New Sectors: Snapshot of Program Growth Past Five and Current Years

New Wisconsin Apprenticeship Programs in New Industries

2016	Arborist MILW MSTC	Mechatronics Tech WCTC BTC GTC LTC MILW SWTC MPTC CVTC	IT-Software Developer MSTC CVTC NTC MPTC MDSN	
2017				
2018	Organic Vegetable Farm Manager NWTC	Data Analyst CVTC NTC MILW MDSN MPTC	IT-Service Desk Technician WCTC CVTC NTC MDSN MPTC	Financial Services Representative MILW CVTC MPTC
2019	Broadband Technician WITC	Medical Assistant NTC	Biotechnology Lab Support Assistant MDSN	
2020	Facilities Maintenance Technician MILW	Cybersecurity Analyst MDSN	Pharmacy Technician MILW	
2021	Roadway Maintenance Technician CVTC	Industrial Metrology Technician FVTC	Culinary Apprenticeship MILW	





State Committee Report - Construction

State Auto Fire Sprinkler Committee

This summary counts employers and apprentices with contract(s) active or unassigned on 3/1/2021 in trade(s) associated with this committee.

Sponsor Name Trade	Apprentices									Employers				
	Total	Minority		Female		Union		Non- Union		Total	W/Union Appr		W/Non-Union Appr	
		#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%		#	%	#	%
1	2	3	3a	4	4a	5	5a	6	6a	7	8	8a	9	9a
All Sponsors Total	96	6	6.3	1	1.0	58	60.4	38	39.6	19	11	57.9	8	42.1
ABC of Wisconsin (All)	38	2	5.3	0	0.0			38	100.0	8			8	100.0
Sprinklerfitter (0186228102205)	38	2	5.3	0	0.0			38	100.0	8			8	100.0
Milwaukee Area Sprinkler Fitter JAC	58	4	6.9	1	1.7	58	100.0			11	11	100.0		
Sprinklerfitter (0186228102205)	58	4	6.9	1	1.7	58	100.0			11	11	100.0		