

## Grant Summary

<b>Grant Program</b>	Job-Driven (JD) National Emergency Grant (NEG)
<b>Grantee Name</b>	Maryland Department of Labor Licensing and Regulation
<b>Grantee City and State</b>	Baltimore, Maryland
<b>Grant Award Amount</b>	\$5,552,067
<b>Location of Grant Activities</b>	Statewide
<b>Project Description</b>	<p>Maryland will enhance and expand the provision of services to long-term unemployed dislocated workers by focusing on employer partnerships that create employment opportunities through various integrated work-based learning models, including the creation or expansion of Registered Apprenticeship or pre-apprenticeship programs; on-the-job training programs; and customized and occupational skills training. Maryland will coordinate a state-led effort to streamline and standardize policies and processes resulting in enhanced outreach efforts to employers and eligible participants. The State plans to build on active interagency relationships with the State Department of Business and Economic Development (DBED), Department of Transportation (MDOT) and Department of Human Resources (DHR). These enhanced partnerships will continue industry-led initiatives, such as the EARN program, Career Pathways, and the Highway and Transit Construction programs, as well as strengthen their Business Engagement and Apprenticeship Roundtable initiatives. The JD NEG also provides an opportunity to leverage a strategic state investment targeted to provide a comprehensive approach in addressing the needs that foreign-trained healthcare professionals encounter when obtaining their Maryland licenses. The Welcome Back Center is an innovative model that builds on the personal and professional assets of immigrants living in the United States to: further address health professional shortages; diversify the health workforce; provide economic opportunities to underutilized individuals as they return to work in the health field; and enhance health outcomes of the entire community. The Welcome Back Center is one of several centers comprising the national "Welcome Back Initiative" network.</p>
<b>Key Industries</b>	Health Care; Information Technology; Transportation and Logistics; Construction and Manufacturing
<b>Populations to be Served</b>	Dislocated workers with priority to the long-term unemployed, Unemployment Insurance (UI) recipients that have been profiled as likely to exhaust UI benefits, foreign-trained immigrant dislocated workers facing barriers in their trained profession, and recently separated veterans

<b>Partners</b>	Department of Business and Economic Development; Department of Transportation; Department of Human Resources; 40 construction companies; and 14 industry-led consortia created through the EARN initiative
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