The Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) received a federal grant award for the Apprenticeship FLA initiative. The goal of the grant is to expand registered apprenticeship programs into new industries, increase participation in existing programs, and enroll new apprentices who are members of underrepresented populations.

The Apprenticeship FLA initiative is led by DEO in collaboration with the Florida Department of Education and CareerSource Florida. The Florida Department of Education is responsible for registering apprenticeship programs in the state. Through this initiative, the state partners engage secondary and post-secondary educational institutions, Local Workforce Development Boards, chambers of commerce, and community-based organizations to expand registered apprenticeship opportunities for local businesses, job seekers and students. The Apprenticeship FLA initiative is focused on the following targeted industries:

- Information Technology
- Healthcare
- Advanced Manufacturing
- Building Trades/Construction
- Transportation and Warehousing
- Hospitality

To learn more about this apprenticeship initiative, please contact DEO’s Project Manager:

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Other program resources:

- Florida Department of Education’s Apprenticeship Office: http://www.fldoe.org/academics/career-adult-edu/apprenticeship-programs/what-is-apprenticeship.stml

Find out more about this and other programs at www.floridajobs.org or call 1-866-352-2345.