

# MT SWIB

STATE WORKFORCE INNOVATION BOARD

## AGENDA ACTION REPORT

**MEETING** August 22, 2016 – Executive Committee Meeting

ApprenticeshipUSA State Expansion Grant

**ACTION REQUESTED** Action Item  
**PRESENTED BY** Julie Walker, Special Projects Manager

**INFORMATION** Building on historic bipartisan support from Congress and leadership across a broad range of States, the Employment and Training Administration (ETA), U.S. Department of Labor (DOL, or the Department), announces the availability of approximately \$50.5 million to fund an estimated 33 quality grant applications competitively awarded to States through grant funds authorized by the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2016 for ApprenticeshipUSA State Expansion Grants. Should Congress appropriate additional funds for this purpose in FY 2017 and 2018, we may consider up to two additional rounds of continuation awards under this solicitation. Grants will be awarded to an estimated 33 successful applicants. Fiscal Year 2016 funding may range from \$700,000 to \$3,200,000 and be available for expenditure by the grantees for a period of up to 18 months. Continuation funding to grantees is subject to the discretion of DOL and contingent upon the availability of funds, satisfactory progress of the grantee's project, and adequate stewardship of federal funds.

**MOTION** To submit a letter of support from the State Workforce Innovation Board for Montana's ApprenticeshipUSA State Expansion Grant.

**SYNOPSIS** We are asking for partner and industry leader commitment letters to support the efforts of the Montana Department of Labor & Industry. The continuation of this type of funding is crucial for apprenticeship initiatives in Montana.

**ATTACHMENTS** Official grant application attached