



The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) would like to announce the release of a new notice of funding opportunity (NOFO). This 2019 Apprenticeship Expansion Program NOFO seeks to increase the number of registered apprentices by 800 before June 2022.

You can access the NOFO on Illinois WorkNet here: [www.illinoisworknet.com/apprenticeshipnofo2019](http://www.illinoisworknet.com/apprenticeshipnofo2019).

This NOFO aligns with Governor Pritzker’s Executive Order #3 action plan, the Illinois Workforce Innovation Board Apprenticeship Committee’s work plan, and Illinois’ State Unified Plan to help business and industry with their workforce needs while simultaneously providing individuals with a pathway to a career.

DCEO will host an informational webinar about the NOFO on Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup> and multiple Bidder’s Conferences across the state. These information sessions aim to provide guidance and answer questions from grant seekers. Please use the links below to register for these upcoming sessions. Seating is limited at some locations, so please only register if you plan to attend.

The webinar will be recorded and posted on [www.illinoisworknet.com/apprenticeshipnofo2019](http://www.illinoisworknet.com/apprenticeshipnofo2019). Presentation slides and resources materials for competitive proposals will also be available on this site.

Date	Time	Activity	Location	Coordinator/Room	Registration
10/21/2019	2 – 4:00pm	Webinar	<b>Webinar</b>	Illinois workNet	<a href="#">Webinar</a>
10/22/2019	9 – 11:00am	Bidder’s Conference	<b>Chicago</b>	James R. Thompson Center Auditorium, Atrium Level, 100 W Randolph Ave, Chicago, IL 60601	<a href="#">Chicago</a>
10/28/2019	1 – 3:00pm	Bidder’s Conference	<b>Naperville</b>	NIU Naperville Room 260 1120 E Diehl Rd, Naperville, IL 60563	<a href="#">Naperville</a>
10/29/2019	9 – 11:00am	Bidder’s Conference	<b>Rockford</b>	Rockford Metropolitan Agency for Planning 313 N Main St, Rockford, IL 61101	<a href="#">Rockford</a>
10/29/2019	2 – 4:00pm	Bidder’s Conference	<b>Peoria</b>	Peoria Public Main Library Main Library Auditorium 107 NE Monroe St, Peoria, IL 61602	<a href="#">Peoria</a>
10/30/2019	9 – 11:00am	Bidder’s Conference	<b>Champaign</b>	Parkland College - Applied Technology Center Room T106/T107 2400 West Bradley Avenue Champaign, IL 61821	<a href="#">Champaign</a>
11/4/2019	2 – 4:00pm	Bidder’s Conference	<b>Marion</b>	Marion State Regional Office Building - Main Conference Room 2309 West Main Street Marion, IL 62959	<a href="#">Marion</a>
11/5/2019	9 – 11:00am	Bidder’s Conference	<b>Collinsville</b>	Illinois Health and Family Services building 1803 Ramada Blvd., STE B204 Collinsville, IL 62234	<a href="#">Collinsville</a>
11/6/2019	9 – 11:00am	Bidder’s Conference	<b>Springfield</b>	SIU Center for Workforce Development Lincoln Land Community College 2450 Foundation Dr; Suite 100 Springfield, IL 62703	<a href="#">Springfield</a>

Any questions concerning the NOFO should be in writing and directed to [apprenticeship@illinoisworknet.com](mailto:apprenticeship@illinoisworknet.com).