

## WDC TRANSMITTAL # 8

### MEMORANDUM

October 26, 2016

**TO:** Workforce Development Council

**FROM:** Ken Edmunds, Director

**SUBJECT:** Apprenticeship Committee

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Establish and appoint an Apprenticeship Committee

**GOAL:** Increase Industry and Business Involvement

#### Background

*Apprenticeship Idaho* is a collaborative effort between the US and Idaho Departments of Labor and the Idaho Division of Career and Technical Education to understand the current state of apprenticeship programs across the state and identify opportunities for expanding apprenticeships. While there are approximately 400 registered apprenticeship programs with approximately 984 apprentices in Idaho, participating companies are still struggling to fill available positions and most are concentrated in traditional trades.

Idaho Department of Labor and the Division of Career Technical Education have:

- Developed a vision and goals to create apprenticeships for businesses in targeted industry sectors;
- Established a core team and dedicated staff to help with awareness, connect with the right training partners, recruiting and leverage resources when available.

In addition to the Council's oversight responsibilities, the Chair of the council has also sought to increase business and industry engagement and active participation in the decision and priority setting process to help solve Idaho's workforce training and education needs.

#### Recommendation

The Director of Labor recommends that the Council appoint an Apprenticeship subcommittee of industry and business representatives that would have direct responsibility to:

1. Develop appropriate policy for Apprenticeships
2. Develop recommendations for the use of Apprenticeships resources
3. Facilitate future funding options for business and education
4. Establish appropriate outcomes for Apprenticeship programs

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