# On-the-Job Training/Supportive Services and the Highway Construction Workforce Partnership

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# What are we going to discuss?

- Contacts
- Overview and Funding (OJT/SS)
- Changes to the Program
- The Highway Construction Workforce Partnership and the EDC-6 Strategic Workforce Development Initiative

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### State DOT OJT/SS Program

- Assists with developing a State DOT's own apprenticeship & job training program
  - Intended to enhance a State DOT's existing program
- Must complement the core OJT program (pipeline)
- Created to bring in qualified minority and woman workers



### OJT/SS & NSTI Current Funding Methodology

Since 2012, the allocation method adjusted to the level for each State, based on the apportionment factors applied to the Federal-aid program

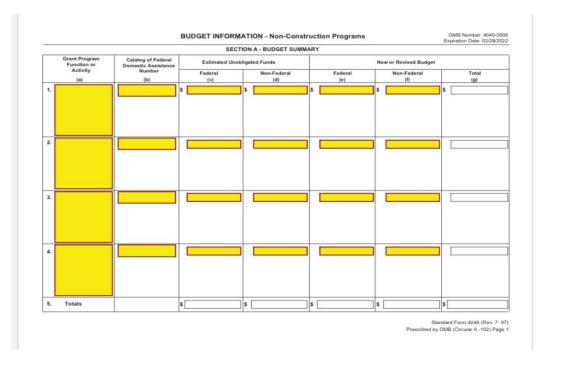
Scales & scopes funding to size of Federal-aid program in each State

Because of new "up to" allocation, must coordinate between OJT/SS & NSTI Programs

Example: If a state is allocated \$100,000 for OJT/SS and \$50,000 for NSTI, they can elect to move funds between the programs but not exceed the maximum of their \$150,000 allocation.

### What's New?

 Complete Budget Narrative in the SOW and complete the OMB SF-424A





### Performance Measures



- The following measures are required to be in the FY21 End of Year Accomplishment Report:
  - Number of individuals <u>enrolled</u> in a training/supportive services program
  - Cost per individual trained
  - Type of training received (Heavy Equipment Operator, etc.)
  - Number of individuals <u>completing</u> the training/supportive services program



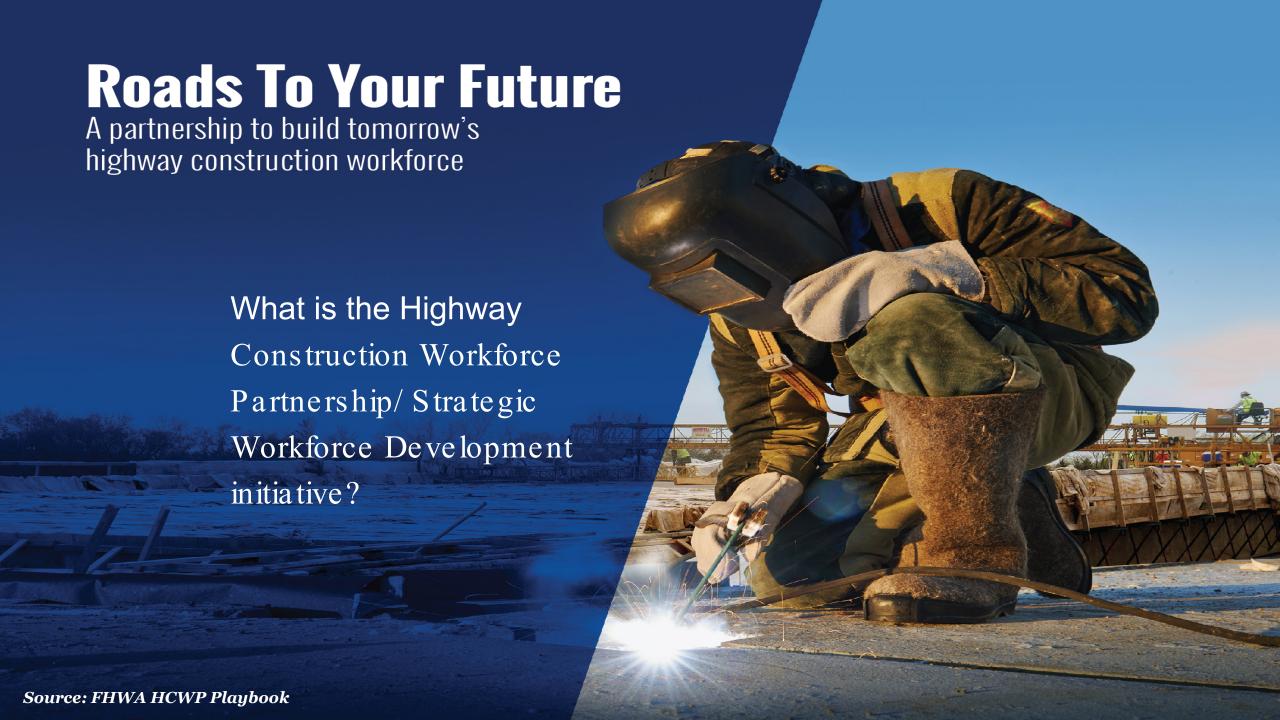
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### Performance Measures

- Any certification received (name of certification, type, certifying agency)
- Number of individuals <u>hired</u> into the construction industry within 6 months of the training and/or type and number of placement assistance services provided
- Number of individuals <u>retained</u> by a construction industry employer within 90 days of placement.
- Include demographic information for all measures (gender, race /ethnicity, age, veteran's status, etc.)





### What do the acronyms mean?

- OJT/SS- On the Job Training/Supportive Services
- HCWP- Highway Construction Workforce Partnership
- EDC-6- Every Day Counts Round 6
- SWD- Strategic Workforce Development

### **HCWP=SWD**



### The Workforce Challenge

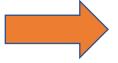
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Occupation	% of	% increase	Projected job
Occupation	contractors	2012-2022	needs
	filling jobs		
Carpenters	65%	8.2%	1,095,195
Electricians	56%	8.9%	729,263
Equipment Operators	65%	12.3%	81,155
Cement Masons	65%	28.6%	906,045
Pipefitter/Plumber	68/66%	21.4%	424,967
Construction Laborers	58%	27.0%	707,437
Painters	49%	28.0%	100,144
Ironworkers/Welders	64/60%	15.1%	171,507
Mechanics	57%	10.5%	1,451,233



### OJT/SS HCWP

- Similar goals: Identify/Train and Place
- OJT/SS Workforce Development Board, State Departments of Labor, Contractors, Non-profits, and other state and stakeholder funds for can be used for HCWP.
- HCWP provides for greater workforce partner engagement

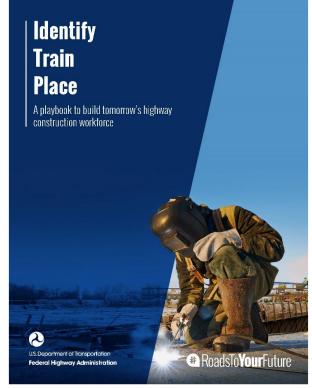




### HCWP Pilot National Program

### **Establish Working Partnerships**

- ✓ Transportation Industry
- ✓ Non-profit & *Private Industry* 
  - ✓ Academia
- ✓ Federal, State, Tribal & Local Government



Source: FHWA HCWP Playbook



### **National Partners**

- American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO)
- Associated General Contractors (AGC)
- American Road and Transportation Builders Association (ARTBA)
- U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration (ETA)
- U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)













### **HCWP Pilot Program**



### Goals

- Engage State and local partners
- Identify successful practices to link jobs with qualified applicants
- Improve current workforce skills
- Identify approaches that can be replicated

### **HCWP Support**

### **HCWP** Website:

https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/innovativeprograms/centers/workforce\_dev/hcwp/

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### Thank You!

