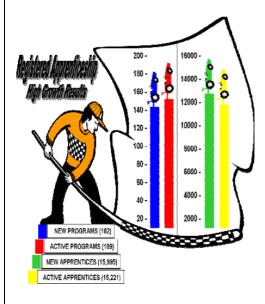
Registered Apprenticeship

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Analysis

- The number of Total Active Apprentices rose by 35 percent between June, 2007 and June 2008.
- The number of active programs that were maintained rose by 7 percent between June 2007 and June, 2008.
- The number of new programs in industries that comprise the High Growth Job Training Initiative declined by 16 percent between June, 2007 and June, 2008.
- The number of new apprentices declined by 58 percent between June, 2007 and June, 2008.
- The number of new programs declined by 21 percent between June, 2007 and June, 2008.



Charting Program Performance

Current Quarter/One Year Ago

| | Quarter ending 06/30/2008 | Quarter ending 06/30/2007 |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Number of new programs in industries that comprise the High Growth Job Training Initiative | 182 | 216 |
| Total Apprentices (Active Apprentices) | 318,965 | 235,835 |
| New Apprentices | 21,986 | 52,364 |
| Programs Maintained Total (Active Programs) | 15,860 | 14,767 |
| New (New Programs) | 262 | 317 |

Program Description

The Registered Apprenticeship System is a federal-state partnership that is helping to meet our skilled talent development needs for the 21st century. Registered Apprenticeship combines on-the-job learning with related technical instruction provided by various educational institutions and sponsors. The strategic goals for the Registered Apprenticeship System focus on:

- working in a regional economic context
- expanding into targeted high growth industries
- providing greater access to post-secondary education and alternative pathways for at risk youth
- increasing the use of technology-based learning and competency based models.

Other Program Highlights and Innovations

The growing value of the Registered Apprenticeship program as a training tool is exhibited by the new innovative programs and investments currently initiated. An important new innovative program is the Women Apprenticeship in Nontraditional Occupations (WANTO). It is monitored by ETA's Office of Apprenticeship (OA) and the Women's Bureau (WB) and focuses on providing training to women in pre-apprenticeship programs. This training is in conjunction with technical assistance to employers and labor unions in the placement and retention of participating women in apprenticeship and nontraditional occupations.

Funds provided to the FY 2007 first year grantees have been used for construction readiness training and related instruction, to include construction site safety, basic tool use, and knowledge of the different construction crafts available. In addition, the participants are receiving fitness and strength training, mentoring, math preparation, GED preparation, transportation, daycare assistance, and placement and retention support. To date, over 200 women were placed in occupations within the construction industry. Program success has lead to three additional WANTO grants being awarded in FY 2008.