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## **Apprenticeship Incentive Funding Webinar Scheduled**

PIERRE, S.D. – The Department of Labor and Regulation (DLR) will host a webinar on Thursday, Aug. 9 at 10 a.m. CDT for applicants interested in applying for apprenticeship incentive funding.

Businesses may apply for up to a maximum of \$30,000 in funding to help offset the initial start-up costs when developing a new apprenticeship program. Applications will be accepted from Aug. 1 through Oct. 19.

“We recognize there is considerable effort required to start a new apprenticeship,” said DLR Secretary Marcia Hultman. “This funding will offset some of the initial costs incurred by a business to increase the number and variety of apprenticeship opportunities available.”

To register for the webinar, visit [StartTodaySD.com](http://StartTodaySD.com). Program staff will explain the application, instructions and key factor incentives.

Funding priority will be given to programs offering training in information technology, healthcare, advanced manufacturing, business services, hospitality, utilities and agriculture. Programs designed to increase engagement for under-represented populations will also be given priority.

DLR was recently awarded an \$847,000 State Expansion Grant from the U.S. Department of Labor’s ApprenticeshipUSA program. The goal is to add 200 active apprentices by fall 2020.