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### **Request For Proposal – OWINN Launches \$500,000 in Work-Based Learning Grants and Pilots Pay-For-Performance Workforce Grants**

**LAS VEGAS/CARSON CITY, NV (August 24, 2018)** – The Governor’s Office of Workforce Innovation (OWINN) is pleased to announce Work-Based Learning Pay-For-Performance Grants Request For Proposals (RFP). Eligible organizations are encouraged to apply for funding from \$50,000 to \$200,000. This is an excellent opportunity for organizations that are effective at connecting individuals to employment to design or expand work-based learning programs. The specific work-based learning programs that will be considered are: Internships/Co-Operatives that are paid; On-the-Job Learning (OJL); Pre-Apprenticeship or Apprenticeship Readiness Training or Registered Apprenticeship programs registered in Nevada, particularly in the targeted industries of Aerospace and Defense, Construction, Advanced-Manufacturing, Mining, Technology, Hospitality, Healthcare, and Natural Resources. OWINN is seeking organizations committed to achieving outcomes.

OWINN is also piloting pay-for-performance contracts – a strategy encouraged by the 2014 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). OWINN designed the new pay-for-performance framework as a means to develop stronger contracts linked to outcomes and ensure more effective use of tax dollars. The new model allows contractors to receive a base amount of funding centered on the difficulty of the population being served. Once the contractor receives the base funding, the remainder of their funds are only reimbursed when they reach specific performance outcomes articulated in their grant application.

“As we continue to think about improving the workforce system, it will be important to design and increase the use of robust pay-for-performance contracts at all levels of the public workforce system. It’s a meaningful way to ensure dollars are linked to outcomes and are being used effectively,” says Manny Lamarre, Executive Director of OWINN. “We often focus on inputs and outputs, but when we start focusing on outcomes we will raise the floor of organizational effectiveness and have a greater impact on individuals in the Governor’s New Nevada” he added.

OWINN anticipates granting approximately two to four awards. RFPs for the Work-Based Learning Pay-For-Performance Grants are due October 9, 2018. Finalists will be named in late October 2018 with contracts starting after approval at the following Board of Examiners (BOE) meeting. All grants are contingent on BOE approval. For more information or to apply, please visit the OWINN website and download the application titled *RFP 2018 WBL Pay-For-Performance* under “Important Links.” The RFP can be found on the OWINN webpage and will be up for 45 days – closing on October 9, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

#### ***About OWINN***

*OWINN helps drive a skilled, diverse, and aligned workforce in the state of Nevada by promoting collaboration and cooperation among key public and private entities focused on workforce development. OWINN works to address Nevada’s workforce needs by leveraging labor-market data, scaling career pathways that leads to industry-recognized credentials, expanding apprenticeships and work-based learning, and promoting responsive workforce policies.*