



Partners for Reentry Opportunities
in Workforce Development

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The **[insert state agency name]** received a **[insert grant award amount]** award through the Partnerships for Reentry Opportunities in Workforce Development—*PROWD*—grant initiative to provide employment services to federally incarcerated individuals returning to **[instate state or list specific workforce areas]**. The goals of PROWD are to (1) improve employment outcomes for individuals directly impacted by the justice system; (2) strengthen communities by reducing recidivism; and (3) increase the capacity of justice and workforce system partnership.

PROWD is a historic collaboration between the Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Department of Labor (DOL). Launched with an approximately \$45 million investment in September 2022, seven states partnered with federal correctional facilities to offer tailored services to people incarcerated in Bureau of Prisons (BOP) facilities. The program leverages BOP's experience in reducing recidivism with the expert knowledge of state workforce agencies and local partners about the specific needs of employers where PROWD participants release.

[Insert program or state] provides an opportunity for state and local governments and non-governmental organizations to collaborate and share resources to improve outcomes for individuals directly impacted by the federal justice system. **[insert program or state]** will provide reentry services to persons incarcerated at **[insert institution(s)]** with release dates within **[XX]** months of enrollment and continue comprehensive services post-release. The goal is to incorporate a seamless transition of reentry services from pre-to-post-release. **[Insert program or state]** is job-driven and builds connections with local employers, enabling transitioning participants to secure employment. Pre-release services include needs assessments, individual development plans, comprehensive case management, career exploration and planning, job preparation, counseling, and assistance connecting participants to the social services required to transition to their communities. Post-release activities include connecting participants to employers (including apprenticeship opportunities), external service providers, skill-building services, occupational training in in-demand industries, industry-recognized credentials, career services, and supportive and follow-up services.

[Insert program or state] partners include: **[list current partners including the Local Workforce Development Boards and the specific BOP facilities]**.

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