

DOL Building Pathways to Infrastructure Jobs Grant Program Infrastructure Learning Community (ILC)

Charter Document

VISION

Develop and convene a robust Infrastructure Learning Community (ILC) that is responsive to the needs of the wider field of infrastructure investments and stakeholders; allows for peer learning and sharing; and encourages creativity, innovation, and partnership to support grantee project goals and ensure a return on federal investment. Ultimately, the ILC will support federal grantees and the broader field with resources that support worker-centered sector strategies and public/private partnerships to promote systems change and innovative efforts to center worker voice, develop quality jobs, instill equity-centered approaches, and promote effective skills-based learning and apprenticeship models. The ILC will provide the mechanism and structure to amplify and disseminate grantees' findings, resources, and best practices into the greater field of workforce system stakeholders and leaders. It will also provide a platform for real-time communication and collaboration across infrastructure investments and partnerships.

GOALS

- Establish an online, centralized hub accessible to the greater field, including the broader workforce system and its stakeholders; recipients of other federal grants; local and state governments; and others leading, supporting, scaling, or developing infrastructure projects.
- Align and leverage the ILC through the co-creation and implementation of a shared communications strategy designed to deepen the impact of federal investments across DOL, DOC, DOT, DOE, and other agencies by enabling infrastructure stakeholders to benefit from a strong network, subject matter experts, and the latest real-time findings and resources from the BP program.
- Facilitate engagement and collaboration across infrastructure stakeholders, including funders, partners, grantees, policymakers, employers and industry, and subject matter experts that are focused on partnerships, sustainability, and increasing collective impact aligned with BP programmatic goals.

VALUE PROPOSITION

- Access to peers in the field, subject matter experts, and grantees through a curated and evolving collection of relevant and actionable resources, the latest findings and best practices from grantees and related grant programs, and a platform for interactive collaboration and engagement opportunities.

OFFERINGS

- Curated content on WorkforceGPS tagged by industry (advanced manufacturing, information technology, renewable energy, transportation, and broadband), goal, and/or intervention area (i.e., job quality, worker voice, DEIA, apprenticeship, sector partnerships, ecosystem mapping, evidence-building, etc.)
- Relevant peer learning sessions and exchanges
- Cross-promoted events (i.e., webinars, conferences, and other virtual or in-person engagements)
- Cross-promoted funding opportunities (across federal agencies)

ILC PROPOSED PARTNERS & CONTRIBUTORS

- Federal agencies overseeing infrastructure-related workforce programs and funding
- National or Community-Based Nonprofit Organizations
- Labor Unions/Labor-Management Organizations
- Education/Training Providers
- Economic Development Organizations
- Workforce Development Organizations
- Native American Tribal Governments
- Employers