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## ABSTRACT

**Arkansas COVID-19 Economic Recovery Project** will create, develop, implement, and replicate short-term educational programs and training courses to help displaced workers return to gainful employment and help new workers enter jobs within in-demand industry sectors or occupations. The project will deliver online services to cover the entire state. It will recruit unemployed, underrepresented, recent or currently incarcerated, and rural individuals from across the state to enroll in existing online short-term training programs. It will work with industry partners to develop new online training programs targeting in-demand occupations. It will remove barriers to participation by supporting students with financial assistance, career counseling, and job placement assistance. It will develop and deliver short-term training to increase remote learning options and ensure a quick return to work for displaced workers or an earlier start for those entering the workforce. The project will also provide tuition support for participants including dislocated workers, workers entering the workforce, residents of rural areas of the state, incarcerated individuals, and those from traditionally marginalized communities.

Key partners will include the Arkansas Department of Workforce Services, University of Arkansas Global Campus, Shorter College, and iDatafy LLC.