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ABSTRACT

The Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity-Workforce Development on behalf of the Michigan Workforce Development Board will implement the **Michigan Learning & Education Advancement Program (MiLEAP)**.

Michigan job seekers are ready to leap into success by navigating short- and mid-term education and training programs leading to high-skill, high-wage career pathways, and receive an industry-recognized credential while reducing tuition debt. Michigan's workforce and postsecondary education systems are ready to leap into action by serving job seekers looking to earn credentials, gain skills for employment, return to work, and advance in a career pathway.

MiLEAP partners will develop transitions from education and training to employment. Through a competitive subgrant process, MiLEAP will deliver short- and mid-term customized education and training resulting in industry recognized credentials, distance learning and hybrid modalities of instructional delivery, competency-based and work-based learning opportunities, employer-led collaboratives in focused industry-sectors, engagement of under-represented populations and distressed geographic regions, and supportive services designed to eliminate education and employment barriers. MiLEAP Navigators, newly created front line continuous participant assistance, will be dedicated to assessing barriers, identifying resources, and providing guidance and support. Participants will receive individualized competency-based assessments (ICAs) and learning plans (ICLPs) that include skills assessments, expanded remote learning opportunities, high school equivalent and industry credential attainment and contextual learning opportunities. Michigan employers are ready to leap into an opportunity to join a multi-employer consortium to address regional workforce needs and advance their existing workforce through deliberate reskilling and upskilling.

The bar is set high and the MiLEAP system will support participants as they transcend to new heights and leap.

Key partners include MichiganWorks!, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Michigan Community College Association, Michigan institutions of higher education, and employers.