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SUBJECT: Release and Availability of Report Titled, *The Benefits and Challenges of Registered Apprenticeship: The Sponsors' Perspective*

1. Purpose. The Employment and Training Administration (ETA) announces the release and availability of the report titled: *The Benefits and Challenges of Registered Apprenticeship: The Sponsors' Perspective*

2. Background. In an effort to better understand key issues in registered apprenticeship, ETA commissioned a survey of current sponsors. This report focuses on the information gleaned from the survey, which used a nationally representative sample of sponsors and which followed a preliminary series of site visits to five states.

4. Publication Description. This report documents current sponsors' strong support of registered apprenticeship, including what sponsors see as its most important benefits and challenges. The report also provides an overview of registered apprenticeship historically, the current distribution of apprenticeship programs by industry as well as sponsor's views on program completion, sources of related instruction, the effectiveness of state apprenticeship agencies, and interactions with the One-Stop Career Centers. The report documents the strong support for registered apprenticeship among sponsors in all industries. A public use data file on the survey is also available.

5. Availability. To download the complete report, visit the ETA Research Publication Database Web site at: <http://wdr.doleta.gov/research/keyword.cfm>.

6. Inquiries. Questions on the content of the paper may be directed to Charlotte Schifferes, Division of Research and Evaluation, Office of Policy Development and Research, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor at (202) 693-3700 or schifferes.charlotte@dol.gov.