



CareerSource Okaloosa Walton
 Business Competitiveness Council
January 28, 2021 * 9:00 a.m.
 Microsoft TEAMS

Dr. Jack Azzaretto	Wyndy Crozier	Michael Erny
Nathan Sparks	Mendy Owens	Dee Setzer
Bill Imfeld	Roger Phipps	Michelle Crocker
Caralee Gibson	Al Smith	Shelby Desoto
April Branscome	Nicole Gislason	Kelly Hayes
Guests : Lynn Fischer	Kim Locke	
COW Staff: Michele Burns	Kelly Jordan	Terry Cowan
Sarah Ambriz	Will Miles	

Dr. Jack Azzaretto called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

The minutes from the July 30, 2020 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Jack Azzaretto requested a motion to approve the minutes. Bill Imfeld made the motion and seconded by Wyndy Crozier; all in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

Jack Azzaretto presented Action Items which were reviewed and unanimously recommended by the BCC for presentation to the full Board for approval. The Regional Demand Occupation List and Eligible Training Providers Lists are the heart of our services enabling us to provide training to our customers.

Will informed the group that a new training provider has submitted an application to be added to the ETPL.

Will discussed the following information with the committee:

- The Academy of Applied Technology d/b/a Applied Technology Academy was formed in August 2019 as a successor corporation to Tech Strategies International LLC. Tech Strategies International was incorporated in 2008 to serve government and military clients.
- ATA is Headquartered in Deerfield Beach, Florida and has classrooms in Tampa and Fort Walton Beach.
- ATA is an Economically Disadvantaged Woman Owned Small Business certified by the Small Business Administration and incorporated in Florida as an LLC.
- ATA has been recognized as a CompTIA Partner of the Year and has been named to the EC-Council's Academic Circle of Excellence for multiple years running.
- Have obtained a Provisional License from the Commissioner for Independent Education.
- The Commission for Independent Education has statutory responsibilities in matters relating to nonpublic, postsecondary, educational institutions. (Chapter 1005, Florida Statutes, The Rules (Chapter 6E, Florida Administrative Code)

- Applied Technology Academy (ATA) offers a suite of computer, network, cybersecurity, leadership development and project management training for the Department of Defense and is now requesting to add their suite of programs to the ETPL for PY 2020-2921.
- 37 Industry- recognized credentials earned by completers: Yes.
- Wage range:
 - ✓ Computer Occupations: \$15.02 (Entry) - \$51.55 (Mean)
 - ✓ Business Occupations: \$24.78 (Entry) - \$37.49 (Mean)

ACTION #1

A motion and Vote to approve Applied Technology Academy as an eligible training Provider.

Dr. Jack asked for a motion to approve Applied Technology Academy as an Eligible Training Provider.

A motion was made by Nathan Sparks, seconded by Bill Imfeld to approve Applied Technology Academy as an Eligible Training Provider. All Ayes.

Abstaining from the vote: Lynn Fischer and Kim Locke: both are employed by Applied Technology Academy.

Action #2

A motion and Vote to approve Applied Technology Academy’s Programs for inclusion on the ETPL for PY 2020-2021.

CompTIA A+			AWS Certified Developer Associate			
CompTIA Network+			AWS Certified SysOps Administrator Associate			
CompTIA Security+ CE			Offensive Security Certified Professional OSCP			
CompTIA CASP+			ISC2 Certified Information Systems Security Professional - CISSP			
CompTIA CySA+			ISC2 Certified Security Software Lifecycle Professional - CSSLP			
CompTIA PenTest+			ISC2 Certified Cloud Security Professional - CCSP			
CompTIA Cloud+			Certified Scrum Master - CSM			
CompTIA Project+			VMware Certified Associate - VCA			
CompTIA Linux+			VMware Certified Professional - VCP			
Cisco Certified Network Administrator			Certified Associate in Project Management - CAPM			
Cisco Certified Network Professional			Certified Project Management Professional - PMP			
EC-Council Certified Network Defender			Agile Certified Practitioner			
EC-Council Certified Ethical Hacker			Microsoft Certified Desktop Administrator			
GIAC Security Essentials			Microsoft Azure Administrator			
GIAC Certified Incident Handler (GCIH)			Microsoft Automating Administration with Windows PowerShell (M10961)			
Six Sigma Green Belt			Certified Information Security Manager			
Six Sigma Black Belt			Introduction to Python			
AWS Certified Cloud Practitioner			AWS Certified Solutions Architect – Associate			

Dr. Jack asked for a motion to approve Applied Technology Academy's programs for inclusion on the ETPL for 2020-2021.

A motion was made by Bill Imfeld, seconded by Wyndy Crozier to approve Applied Technology Academy's programs for inclusion on the 2020-2021 ETPL. All Ayes.

Abstaining from the vote: Lynn Fischer and Kim Locke: both are employed by Applied Technology Academy.

Action Item 2: Approval of Training Providers and programs on the RDOL for Continued Eligibility for the Eligible Training Providers List (ETPL) for PY 2020-21.

- 1. University of West Florida -39 programs**
- 2. Emerald Coast Technical College – 20 programs**
- 3. Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University – Worldwide – 1 program**
- 4. Florida Panhandle Technical College – 17 programs**
- 5. Fortis Institute – 5 programs**
- 6. Truck Driving Institute, Inc. – 1 program**
- 7. Northwest Florida State College – 34 programs**
- 8. New Horizons Computer Learning Center – 2 programs**
- 9. Okaloosa Technical College – 11 programs**

A motion by Al Smith, seconded by Caralee Gibson to approve all the training providers and programs for Continued Eligibility for ETPL for PY 2020-21. All Ayes.

Abstaining from the vote: Wyndy Crozier-employed by Emerald Coast Technical College, Nicole Gislason – employed with UWF, Laura Schultze-employed by NWFSC, Mendy Owens and Scott Huerkamp - employed by OTC.

SUBJECT: Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL) – Northwest Florida State College

INTRODUCTION

- **Northwest Florida State College (NWFSC)** was approved as a **Continued Eligibility Training Provider** at the CareerSource Okaloosa Walton Board meeting on August 5, 2020.
- An overview of the programs was briefed during the Business Competitiveness Council (BCC) meeting on July 30, 2020.

BACKGROUND

- In accordance with CareerSource Florida Administrative Policy Number 90, Effective March 1, 2016, **Continued Eligibility Training Provider** are approved for a two-year eligibility.
- **Northwest Florida State College** is requesting to add a **Commercial Driver License (CDL) Training Program** to **ETPL** for **PY 2020-2021**.
- **Industry- recognized credential earned by completers: Yes.**
- **Wage range:** \$13.16 (Entry) - \$22.20 (Mean)

ACTIONS

1. **A motion and Vote to approve Northwest Florida State College's CDL Program for inclusion on the ETPL for PY 2020-2021.**

Updates:

Okaloosa Economic Development Council - Nathan Sparks announced that TeCMEN Industry Day has been postponed from Aug 28 to April 14, 2021. The event is sold out for 37 exhibitors and 13 sponsors, 95% said they would support the move. The website is available for updates. Shoal River Ranch is progressing. The Okaloosa Board of County Commissioners acquired 623 acres. Incentive review and approval by Okaloosa BCC and the Ft Walton Beach City Council is progressing for a defense contractor which will create 40+ jobs over the next three years. They are engaged in reconnaissance and surveillance technology and manufacturing and will be moving their U.S. headquarters from Washington D.C. metro area to FWB. Another

company focused on PPE will manufacture the material used in medical masks and gowns. They are one of only two U.S. manufacturers and will create about 40 jobs. They have a new on-line virtual entrepreneurial support incubator at www.startupokaloosa.com.

Walton Economic Development Association – Bill Imfeld said they have had success attracting new industry. A drone manufacturer is leaving Daytona Beach to relocate to the new industrial park on 331. An old plant on US 90 abandoned since 2002 has been sold to a Georgia company to use the rail siding to off-load ethanol.

Okaloosa Schools – April Branscome said Okaloosa Schools open Aug. 31st. A significant number of students will be on-line. Adjustments are being made and classrooms sanitized and prepared. A carpentry program is opening at Choctaw HS and Bruner MS and the focus next year will be FWB HS. David Johnson has left due to family reasons.

Walton Schools – Wyndy Crozier reported Walton Schools are opening Monday, Aug. 10th and teachers already returned. They are focused, excited and ready to go.

Northwest Florida State College – Bill Allison said NWFSC starts Monday, Aug 17th. They will have a large portion of coursework on-line to help maintain an on-campus presence. Academies, welding, heavy lab classes & medical programs will meet on-campus with safety precautions and social distancing. NWFSC was awarded the \$1.5 million DOL Apprenticeship Grant.

Okaloosa Technical College – Mendy Owens said OTC starts August 11th. OTC is working on a rapid credentials grant- tech support and cybersecurity classes (100% tuition and lab fee).

University of West Florida – Nicole Gislason shared that labs are open by appointment only. School starts on August 21st. Lectures will be held online. Nicole sent out information on the Haas Center's social media page. We are launching a statewide survey of small businesses.

Dr. Azzaretto adjourned the meeting at 9:59 a.m.