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IAAR LAUNCHES FIRST MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AUDITOR APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM

A major accomplishment for management systems auditors and the hundreds of thousands of businesses that rely on them to ensure the continuous company improvement, the US Department of Labor (DOL) just officially recognized the first-ever national apprenticeship program for this occupation. The Independent Association of Accredited Registrars (IAAR) launched the program to train and prepare the next generation of talent to audit organization-wide management systems in industries as diverse as aerospace, automotive and food.

One of the first professional apprenticeship programs ever registered with the DOL, the IAAR Auditor Apprenticeship (IAA) program joins DOL's stable of over 1,000 established apprenticeship programs, which have produced over 500,000 active apprentices in a variety of occupations.

The culmination of a 3-year effort with The JarrettWagner Group and Workcred, an affiliate of the American National Standards Institute (ANSI), this competency-based program creates a pipeline of registered management system auditors, expanding the pool of competent auditors for accredited certification bodies that register companies to ISO management standards. The program allows for earlier entry into this career path, providing a career ladder and a living wage.

A work-based learning model with documented success in boosting economic growth and creating long-term career opportunities for US workers, apprenticeship program graduates earn an average of $300,000 more than non-graduates over their careers, according to the DOL. This

model provides a flexible post-secondary education and training pathway that includes on-the-job learning experiences, job-related training and technical instruction, rewards for skills gains and a nationally recognized occupational credential.

The DOL, Employment and Training Administration, Office of Apprenticeship, American Apprenticeship Initiative provides funding and other assistance to chart new paths forward for innovation and to raise visibility of apprenticeships as viable career path entries.

About IAAR

A trade association providing the leading voice in North American certification/registration to ISO management system standards, IAAR members have registered 75 percent of Fortune 500 companies to these ISO standards, resulting in over 650,000 certificates, and works to promote accreditation of certification bodies.

About Workcred

Formed in 2014, Workcred's mission is to strengthen workforce quality by improving the credentialing system, ensuring its ongoing relevance, and preparing employers, workers, educators, and governments to use it effectively. Workcred's vision is a labor market that relies on the relevance, quality, and value of workforce credentials for opportunities, growth and development.

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