

1                   **Fiscal Year 2023 Planning Estimates for Apprenticeship Training Programs**  
2   **Discussion Paper**

3   **Background**

4 Texas Education Code (TEC) §133.006 requires that the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC)  
5 adopt forms, formulas, and administrative procedures for distributing available funds to  
6 apprenticeship training programs. Additionally, TWC Apprenticeship Training Program rule  
7 §837.21 states that after TWC receives recommendations from the Texas Workforce Investment  
8 Council (TWIC), TWC is required to provide public notice of the amount of funds that will be  
9 available to support apprenticeship training programs.

10 In March 2022, TWIC made the following recommendations to TWC regarding Fiscal Year  
11 2023 (FY'23) funding for apprenticeship training programs:

- 12   • A contact-hour rate not to exceed \$4.25  
13   • A 5 percent reserve fund for new programs or established programs not currently receiving  
14   funds

15 TWC estimates that under Chapter 133, a total of \$5,532,785—which includes \$3,732,785 in  
16 General Revenue, \$1,650,000 in Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Statewide (WIOA  
17 SW), and \$150,000 in Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Non-Custodial Parent (TANF-  
18 NCP) funds—will be available for Registered Apprenticeship training programs, pending  
19 approval of the FY'23 operating budget.

20 Under §837.25, funds for apprenticeship training classes are distributed based on the following  
21 types of instruction, listed in order of priority, unless otherwise determined by the Commission:

- 22 1. Related instruction or apprenticeship  
23 2. Supplementary instruction or journey worker experience  
24 3. Preparatory instruction or pre-apprenticeship training

25   **Decision Point**

26 Staff seeks direction on the following:

- 27   • A planning estimate of \$3,732,785 in General Revenue, \$1,650,000 in WIOA SW, and  
28   \$150,000 in TANF-NCP funds for FY'23 Registered Apprenticeship funds, contingent on  
29   adoption of TWC's FY'23 operating budget  
30   • An FY'23 contact-hour rate not to exceed \$4.25  
31   • A 5 percent reserve of planning estimate funds for new or established Registered  
32   Apprenticeship training programs that did not receive Chapter 133 funds in FY'22