

Office of the Labor Commissioner State Apprenticeship Council 1818 College Parkway, Suite 102 Carson City, NV 89706

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To whom it may concern:

Dear Nevada State Apprenticeship Council,

I am writing this letter of support of the Workforce Development and Innovation Department of the Nevada System of Higher Education's proposal to your council in at your February 24, 2022, meeting.

They are seeking approval for the occupations of Tech Support Specialist and Network Support Specialist with the employer partners PacStates, who is an expert in IT solutions, phone systems, data networking and cybersecurity in Reno and Northern Nevada. If approved, these programs will provide a valuable opportunity to expand and scale up the capacity of the apprenticeship program in your state.

CompTIA is the trade association for the IT Industry and understands the value of apprenticeship for our industry. There is a great workforce shortage in the IT field. We are looking forward to working with Nevada to create an innovative solution to address this workforce shortage as they partner with us on the CompTIA Apprenticeships for Tech standards supported by the USDOL. We are excited that the proposed apprenticeship program will result in an intensive training to create a new talent pipeline.

We are pleased to collaborate with NSHE to ensure the success of this project, which will provide much needed pathway for apprenticeship students into quality IT careers. Thank you in advance for your consideration. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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