

1 **Fiscal Year 2024 Planning Estimates for Pre-Apprenticeship Training Funds**
2 **Discussion Paper**

3 **Background**

4 The 88th Texas Legislature allocated approximately \$6 million to support pre-apprenticeship
5 training in Fiscal Year 2024 (FY'24) and FY'25.

6 Texas Education Code (TEC) §133.006 requires that the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC)
7 adopt forms, formulas, and administrative procedures for distributing available funds to
8 apprenticeship training programs. Additionally, TWC Apprenticeship Training Program rule
9 §837.21 states that after TWC receives recommendations from the Texas Workforce Investment
10 Council (TWIC), TWC is required to provide public notice of the amount of funds that will be
11 available to support apprenticeship training programs, including related instruction,
12 supplementary instruction, and/or preparatory instruction, also known as pre-apprenticeship.

13 In September 2023, TWIC made a recommendation to TWC regarding the FY'24 funding for
14 pre-apprenticeship programs. The recommendation was that funds available for pre-
15 apprenticeship training programs for FY'24 be set at a rate not to exceed \$2,000 per participant.
16 Upon approval, public notice for pre-apprenticeship funding will be issued.

17 US Department of Labor Training and Employment Notice 13-12 defines a quality pre-
18 apprenticeship program as a program or set of strategies designed to prepare individuals to enter
19 and succeed in a Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP). Quality pre-apprenticeships have
20 documented partnerships with at least one RAP and include agreements with RAP sponsors that
21 allow program participants to enter directly into a RAP.

22 TWC estimates that a total of \$1,815,527 will be available for pre-apprenticeship training
23 programs.

24 **Decision Point**

25 Staff seeks direction on the following:

- 26 • A planning estimate of \$1,815,527 in General Revenue for FY'24 pre-apprenticeship
27 funds
28 • An FY'24 maximum pre-apprenticeship cost per participant of \$2,000