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Dear Alabama Work-Based Learning Stakeholder,

Over the past two years, Alabama has expanded access to quality work-based learning programs that operate at the speed of business. During the COVID-19 workforce recovery, Alabama is focused on training Alabamians for resilient occupations through rapid reskilling and work-based learning. To do so, we must identify and bring to scale our most effective examples of work-based learning.

To recognize the outstanding progress being made in the area of work-based learning, I am pleased to announce that nominations are now open for the First Annual Governor's Work-Based Learning Seal of Excellence Awards. Completed applications must be submitted by email to info@alapprentice.org no later than 5 pm on Friday, June 4, 2021. Regional Best Practices will be announced Friday, June 25, and representatives from those programs will present at regional work-based learning trainings in August and September. From those Regional Best Practices, the statewide winners of the Governor's Work-Based Learning Seal of Excellence Awards will be selected and announced on October 1, 2021. Representatives from these programs will be asked to present at the Governor's Work-Based Learning Summit in November.

I would like to extend my appreciation to all those who continue to commit a great deal of time and energy to expanding work-based learning in Alabama. The success of work-based learning is a team effort, requiring collaboration among many stakeholders including employers, education institutions, and diverse state agencies. Your dedication is a key to success in strengthening our talent pipelines and ensuring that Alabama citizens are on paths to good jobs and promising careers.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kay Ivey'.

Kay Ivey
Governor

Alabama WBL Best Practice Recognition Application

Best Practice Recognition Application Deadline: **Friday, June 4, 2021**

School/Business Name _____

Contact Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Street Address _____

City _____ Zip _____ County _____

Select one:

To complete the section below please refer to the WBL Handbook [HERE](#) for correct categorization of your program.

Type of WBL (If you have more than one, you can submit multiple applications.)

Job Shadowing

Internship

Career Fair/Expo

Clinical/Practicum Field Experience

Employability Skill Training

Cooperative Education

Industry Tours

On the Job Learning

Simulated Workplace

Pre-Apprenticeship

Externship

Registered Apprenticeship

On the next page, describe your program. Include details about:

- Number of students participating
- Number of employers participating
- Program start date
- Scheduling (Offered during school day? Summer? After school or weekends?)
- Ages or grades that are targeted
- Marketing/advertising
- Entry requirements for students
- Requirements for employer participation

You may also attach:

- up to 10 photos
- link to website
- letters from employer partners (limit of 3)
- participant impact statement (limit of 3)

If you have questions about submitting this form, contact info@alapprentice.org

Use the space below to describe your WBL program. Attach a separate sheet for each program if you are submitting more than one for consideration.