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Transportation Learning Center

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FORMAL EDUCATION

University of Massachusetts at Amherst

January 1972 | Bachelors of Arts

University of Maryland Baltimore County

December 2014 | Certificate in Instructional Design

WORK EXPERIENCE

THE TRANSPORTATION LEARNING CENTER

February 2002 - Present

Since December 2014, Executive Director responsible for overall direction of the Center, and report directly to Board of Directors and Executive Committee. Work involves building and sustaining relationships with major industry leaders in management and labor for improved training and apprenticeship as well as overseeing development of proposals for funding and new products (such as Train the Trainer courses and pre-apprenticeship courses) that can serve the Center's mission and help sustain the organization financially. Prior to that, twelve years of experience as Deputy Director responsibilities included: developing and supporting transit career ladder partnerships at the state and local level; overseeing the development of a national system of skills training standards for bus and four rail occupations (vehicle maintenance, signals, traction power, and elevator/escalator); overseeing development of national apprenticeship standards in three transit occupations; initiating and overseeing Consortium model for development of full courseware for transit elevator-escalator and public transportation signals maintenance; managing relationships with national partner organizations in transit labor and transit management; and developing systems for procurement and management of contracts; working with the Center Director and Fiscal Director on budgeting; planning and conducting weekly coordinating meetings to assess Center progress against plans.

PUBLIC SECTOR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT EXPERIENCE

Boston, MA, 1984 - 2002

Senior planning in Massachusetts Secretary of Labor's Office 1984-1990. Major emphasis on dislocated worker issues. Responsible for Industry Action Project which focused on developing re-employment plans for areas of state hard hit by mass layoffs. In Springfield, that plan involved revitalizing apprenticeship for machinists working in small shops. From 1990-2002, Deputy Director at Mayor's Office of Jobs and Community Services (JCS) administrative entity for Boston workforce system which manages Boston's federal, state and local funds for workforce development and a broad range of related human services programs. As the director for planning, supervised the

procurement and distribution of all these funds from the development of Requests for Proposals through recommendations to Private Industry Council committees or City Council votes on funding. In addition, took the initiative for Boston responses to competitive federal grants and won significant funding for youth and dislocated workers. Worked closely with the Building Opportunities program, a pre-apprenticeship initiative connected to the Big Dig construction project. In that capacity, worked with training directors of the Boston Building Trades unions on evaluating and selecting pre-apprenticeship providers. During tenure in this job, Boston began the transition, two years before passage of the Workforce Investment Act, to a system of competitive One Stop Career Centers. Working closely with the Private Industry Council, helped establish a framework for the Boston Career Center system.

SELECTED ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1988 winner of Ford Foundation-John F. Kennedy School of Government Innovations in State and Local Government Award for Industry Action Program which focused on development of training, including apprenticeship as a strategy for revitalizing regional industries in Massachusetts

2015 participant in White House summit on apprenticeship

2017 presenter at Apprenticeship Forward Conference

Presented on apprenticeship-related topics at American Public Transportation Association and National Transit Institute conferences in 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017