

**WASHINGTON STATE  
WORKFORCE TRAINING AND EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD  
MEETING NO. 169  
MARCH 14, 2013**

**APPRENTICESHIP EXPANSION**

At the meeting, the Board will consider how the state can help expand the number of apprentices in Washington, particularly beyond the traditional building and construction trades.

Apprenticeship officials from British Columbia, South Carolina, and the Department of Labor and Industries will speak to the Board. British Columbia has approximately four times as many apprentices per capita as does Washington. South Carolina has grown apprenticeships as a strategy to support the recruitment of European firms. Labor and Industries has helped establish apprenticeships in some non-traditional industries, including health care. These efforts from a variety of jurisdictions should generate ideas regarding what more can be done to expand apprenticeships in Washington.

**Board Action Required:** For discussion only.