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Carr Applauds 5G Workforce Development Grant

WASHINGTON, DC, February 19, 2020—FCC Commissioner Brendan Carr released the following statement on the announcement that the Wireless Infrastructure Association (WIA) has received a nearly \$6 million apprenticeship grant from the U.S. Department of Labor.

“Yesterday, the Department of Labor (DOL) awarded grants to help support 28 public-private apprenticeship partnerships totaling almost \$100 million. Throughout my time at the FCC, I have focused on expanding our 5G workforce, including through apprenticeships, as they allow those with families to support a chance to earn while they learn.

“I’m thrilled that DOL has recognized the critical role of tower techs, linemen, and other 5G workers in building our country’s information infrastructure and has provided new resources to expand that workforce. The training offered at technical schools and through apprenticeships gives students a path up towers and into the middle class with only a couple of months in the classroom. These careers support families and our nation’s critical infrastructure. Congratulations to WIA for being selected for the grant and its leadership in 5G workforce training.”

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