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## NIMS HOSTS APPRENTICESHIP ACCELERATOR WORKSHOPS

**Fairfax, VA** – A registered apprenticeship is a proven work-and-learn model for preparing future leaders in manufacturing. On January 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, NIMS hosted a series of Apprenticeship Accelerator Development Workshops at NIMS headquarters in Fairfax, Virginia. Over the course of a day nearly thirty employers, community colleges, and industry associations from across the nation learned how to develop, implement, and register an apprenticeship program.

“Accelerator sessions provide leaders in manufacturing with the tools to develop apprenticeship programs that ensure these organizations have a pipeline of productive, future leaders. An apprenticeship program may be customized to align with company-specific needs and advances in technology,” said Montez King, Director of Credentialing, NIMS.



Members of the Department of Labor – Employment and Training Administration provided their insight on the DOL program registration process, including an overview of the DOL Standards Builder and RAPIDS systems by Regional Director Dean Guido. Deputy Administrator Daniel Villao shared a comprehensive review of the Department’s nearly \$90 million investment in expanding apprenticeship.

The next Apprenticeship Accelerator Development Workshop is scheduled for Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. To register for the workshop or for more information on apprenticeship in manufacturing, visit [mfgapprenticeship.com](http://mfgapprenticeship.com).

### About NIMS

NIMS is the developer of quality competency-based skills and credentials for jobs in manufacturing and related industries. In September 2016, NIMS was selected by the Department of Labor as an industry intermediary to support the expansion of registered apprenticeship within manufacturing. Through these efforts, NIMS certifies a safe and skilled workforce for the global economy.