

1 **AEL Pre-Apprenticeship Bridge program and IET for Building and Construction-Related**
2 **Trades Discussion Paper**
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4 **Background**

5 This initiative will deliver Bridge or Integrated Education and Trainings (IET) programs to
6 participants on a Career Pathway to enter a Registered Apprenticeship Program(s) (RAP(s)) for
7 Building and Construction-Related Trades. Grantees in collaboration with a RAP(s), will design
8 and deliver a Bridge Program or an IET with sufficient basic skills instruction including reading,
9 math, and Digital Literacy services to ensure participants are prepared for entry into the rigor and
10 intensity of the RAP.

11 Many adults with secondary credentials or less are not fully prepared for further education,
12 training, or employment. Grantees will provide services that prepare individuals for successfully
13 entering a RAP(s).

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15 Texas Labor Code states in section 315.007(d) "...the members of the commission [must]
16 approve the award of any funds under this chapter."
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18 **Issue**

19 The anticipated grant start date is August 2022, and one winner has been recommended for a
20 total award of \$433,800. This is slightly less than the amount allocated to this initiative, as
21 proposed on July 7th, 2021.

22 The following award awaits the approval of the Texas Workforce Commission's three-member
23 Commission (Commission):

- 24 • One grant award, totaling \$433,800

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26 **Decision Point:**

27 Staff recommends Commission approval of one award, totaling \$433,800 as laid out above.