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The Event for Employers during National Apprenticeship Week 2018 [Forum: "Employers Growing Talent through Apprenticeships"](#)

LITTLE ROCK-- Save the date! In recognition of National Apprenticeship Week, the Arkansas Department of Workforce Services, the Little Rock Regional Chamber of Commerce, and the North Little Rock Chamber of Commerce will host an employer forum on apprenticeship the morning of **November 15, 2018 at the Arkansas Regional Innovation Hub**. Since apprenticeship has expanded across all industry sectors and occupations, the forum is for any and all employers interested in learning more about the value of apprenticeships. This is *the* event employers will want to attend during National Apprenticeship Week-- and it's **free**.

Attendees will hear from subject matter experts (SMEs) and experienced employers as they discuss the ins and outs of apprenticeship, how and why it works, what it takes to get started, and what resources are available to assist in the process. The agenda includes an employer panel featuring representatives from companies currently implementing apprenticeship programs in Arkansas including First Orion, Tyson Foods, Grisham One Hour Heating and Air Conditioning, and the National Apprenticeship Training Foundation. Employers will have the opportunity to meet and interact with SMEs during targeted Q&A sessions following the panel.

At the end of the event, there will be a ceremony to celebrate the launch of First Orion's new software developer apprenticeship program and to recognize the Central Arkansas Workforce Development Area as an official apprenticeship sponsor.

Please register for the event on the [Eventbrite registration page](#).

WHAT: Forum: Employers Growing Talent through Apprenticeships
WHEN: Thursday, November 15, 2018 from 9:00 AM to 11:30 PM (CST)
WHERE: Arkansas Regional Innovation Hub
201 East Broadway Street
North Little Rock, AR 72114



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EMPLOYERS GROWING TALENT THROUGH APPRENTICESHIPS

SAVE THE DATE:

November 15, 2018, 9 a.m.

at the Arkansas Regional Innovation Hub

AT THE FORUM

- Listen to employers from across the state discuss their experiences with apprenticeship programs
- Learn about resources available to help start and sustain your apprenticeship program
- Participate in targeted Q&A sessions during the meeting
- Observe an apprenticeship program "signing" ceremony
- Express interest in learning more about apprenticeship opportunities for your company

Featuring representatives from:

- Grisham One Hour Heating & Air Conditioning
- Tyson Foods
- First Orion
- National Apprenticeship Training Foundation (NATF)

DISCOVER LOCAL RESOURCES TO GROW AND RETAIN YOUR WORKFORCE

In honor of National Apprenticeship Week, the Arkansas Department of Workforce Services, the Little Rock Regional Chamber of Commerce and the North Little Rock Chamber of Commerce are hosting an employer forum on apprenticeship as a workforce development solution.

Register on [Eventbrite.com!](https://www.eventbrite.com)



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