

# Executive Summary

## Opening Plenary H-1B TechHire Virtual Institute 2019

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The opening plenary features the U.S Department of Labor (DOL) Division of Strategic Investments (DSI) team sharing an update on current policy direction and expectations as we enter our final year of the grant. The TechHire Technical Assistance (TA) team reviews the logistics of this 1 ½ week Virtual Institute, including the schedule, learning objectives, and expectations. This session also talks about the purpose, flow, and what to expect of the next two weeks, including an introduction to a Slack channel we will be using to encourage grantee networking and engagement throughout the duration of the Institute.

Additionally, it features two different models of TechHire grantee success, one from the community college system, and a non-profit, about their reflections on some key shifts they made over the life of the grant to ensure their success. Finally, it closes with a round robin of sessions coming in the next week and the key topics we will be discussing in future sessions.

### Virtual Institute Webinar Goals:

- Leverage promising models from peers and subject matter experts, and implement changes that sustain program services
- Identify program strategies and adaptations to hit performance benchmarks and outcomes within the period of performance
- Address specific program design challenges with best practices and solutions through peer consultation
- Further establish peer connections to continue peer-to-peer consultations going forward

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