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11/14/2017 – Administration's Task Force on Apprenticeships Holds its First Meeting

At the first meeting of the President's "[Task Force on Apprenticeship Expansion](#)," U.S. Secretary of Labor Alexander Acosta, Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross, Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos, and Assistant to the President Ivanka Trump joined leaders from business, labor, educational institutions, trade and industry groups, and public officials to discuss how to expand apprenticeships in America. Former CIRT member and current President/CEO of ABC, Mike Bellaman, was in attendance to represent the views and interests of the design and construction community.

Labor Secretary Acosta noted that the task force gathered "business, labor, educational institutions, trade groups, workforce advocates, and public officials [who] discussed best practices regarding how to expand apprenticeships across industries. The practical expertise that the Task Force members shared will benefit the Administration's strategy to grow high-quality apprenticeships." Since President Trump signed his [Executive Order Expanding Apprenticeships in America](#), the Administration has signaled that it has a strong interest in such programs; with the hope that they are designed to meet the needs of America's dynamic economy.