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Aerospace Joint Apprenticeship Committee (AJAC) Announces New Executive Director, Demetria “Lynn” Strickland

U.S. Army Veteran and Former Deputy Director Appointed as New Executive Director for Washington State Aerospace and Advanced Manufacturing Apprenticeship Program



On June 27, 2014, Demetria “Lynn” Strickland speaks at AJAC’s 2014 Apprenticeship Graduation.



On April 30, 2014, Demetria “Lynn” Strickland and Skills Inc. CEO, Todd Dunnington celebrate launch of AJAC’s Precision Metal Fabrication Apprenticeship Class at Skills Inc.



On July 25, 2014, Demetria “Lynn” Strickland speaks at Pacific Northwest Aerospace Alliance (PNAA) Women in Aerospace Luncheon.

SEATTLE, WA-September 24, 2014 – Washington State’s funded aerospace and advanced manufacturing apprenticeship program, the [Aerospace Joint Apprenticeship Committee \(AJAC\)](#), announces a new [Executive Director, Demetria “Lynn” Strickland](#). Strickland, former AJAC Deputy Director, has served as the Interim Executive Director since April.

"My vision is to grow the AJAC apprenticeship program so that it continues to serve as a valuable part of the solution in creating and sustaining a highly skilled workforce. Apprenticeship serves as a powerful model in addressing the skills gap we are currently facing," said Strickland.

Strickland brings with her 22 years of management experience in the for-profit, military, nonprofit, and state sectors. Strickland is a proud veteran of the U.S. Army where she served nine years domestically and abroad. After receiving an honorable discharge from the service, Strickland started her career in apprenticeship and education in 2004 at Skookum Education Services where she worked as a Human Relations Generalist, Apprenticeship Coordinator and Operations Manager. In 2007, Strickland was hired by Bates Technical College to serve as Associate Dean of Apprenticeship, Continuing Education, and Boiler Certification. Strickland was promoted in 2011 to Dean of Instruction for the Construction and Manufacturing careers.

In February of 2012, Strickland joined AJAC’s team as Aviation Maintenance Program Manager to manage the [Part 147 Aviation Maintenance Technician Schools Fighting 147 group](#), [AJAC’s Advanced Inspection and Manufacturing Mobile Training Unit \(AIM-MTU\)](#), and the [Manufacturing Academy](#). Strickland was promoted to Deputy Director in July 2012.

As the new Executive Director, Strickland is thrilled to assume leadership of AJAC, "I'm excited to have the opportunity to take an organization that was developed as part of a workforce solution for the employers of Washington State to the next level of growth."

The [Aerospace Joint Apprenticeship Committee \(AJAC\)](#) is a statewide, state-funded, nonprofit organization that develops and implements [Washington State registered aerospace and advanced manufacturing apprenticeship programs](#) for Machining (Aircraft-Oriented), Precision Metal Fabrication, Aircraft Mechanic Airframe, Tool & Die Maker, Industrial Maintenance Mechanic and more. [Apprenticeship](#) combines supervised on-the-job training (OJT) with college-level classroom instruction.