



## **AJAC is Recognized as a 21st Century Registered Apprenticeship Innovator and Trailblazer**

Today, August 1, 2012, the Aerospace Joint Apprenticeship Committee (AJAC) is being recognized as a 21st Century Registered Apprenticeship Trailblazer and Innovator by the **Department of Labor (DOL)** and **Secretary's Advisory Committee on Apprenticeship (ACA)**.

AJAC is receiving this award today at the National Education and Action Summit, "OutEducate OutBuild OutInnovate," recognizing the 75th Anniversary of the **National Apprenticeship Act**. AJAC is joining Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis in celebrating this event at the U.S. Department of Labor's Great Hall in Washington D.C.

In preparing for this event the DOL and ACA partnered together to advance and promote Registered Apprenticeship and started a search for innovative and trailblazing Registered Apprenticeship Programs to recognize at the summit. They searched for Registered Apprenticeships who:

- Help to define 21st Century Apprenticeship
- Help to expand Registered Apprenticeship into new and existing industries
- Are a trailblazer in forming new partnerships involving Registered Apprenticeship programs or sponsors with workforce, educational, or community-based organizations
- Engage in an innovative Registered Apprenticeship practice that helps provide solutions to current workforce challenges
- Help to increase Registered Apprenticeship opportunities for under-represented populations including women, minorities, youth, veterans, and people with disabilities
- Crafted innovative policies that create economic development benefits or improve our economic competitiveness using Registered Apprenticeship