

Quarterly Narrative Performance Report Template

* Report Due Date: The 15th day of the second month of the subsequent quarter.

DOL GRANT PROGRAM NAME: The Greater New Orleans Infrastructure Partnership (GNO Infrastructure Partnership)

Program Year: 2025
Quarter End Date: 12/31/2025
Date Report Submitted: 2/12/2026

The information provided in this Quarterly Narrative Performance Report will be used to help the Department of Labor’s (DOL) Employment and Training Administration (ETA) monitor the progress of the grant and identify promising practices and challenges of the grantee in implementing the grant. The information collected here provides a more comprehensive assessment of the progress of grantees in meeting expected milestones, performance indicators, and program requirements. It also provides additional qualitative information to ETA regarding the activities of grantees as it relates to Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) implementation or implementation of other discretionary grant programs, timeliness of program deliverables, technical assistance needs, innovative or promising practices in the field, and the use of evaluation for program accountability, assessment, and improvement.

Additionally, please note that, per the Uniform Guidance (2 CFR 200.328), grantees must inform ETA as soon as the following types of conditions become known and should not wait for a quarterly report deadline:

- (1) Problems, delays, or adverse conditions which will materially impair the ability to meet the objectives of the Federal award. This disclosure must include a statement of the action taken, or contemplated, and any assistance needed to resolve the situation.
- (2) Favorable developments which enable meeting time schedules and objectives sooner or at less cost than anticipated, or producing more or different beneficial results than originally planned.

Section I. Contact Information.

DOL Grant Funding Opportunity Announcement (optional):	FOA-ETA-23-15
Grant Number:	24A60CC000024-01-00
Grant Recipient Name:	Delgado Community College
Grant Project Name:	Greater New Orleans Infrastructure Partnership

Grant Project Address:	615 City Park Ave, New Orleans, LA 70119-4399
Grant Period of Performance:	May 1, 2024 – June 30, 2028
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Section II. Summary of Grant Activities.

During Q4 2025, the Consortium expanded training delivery, formalized workforce board partnerships, strengthened employer engagement structures, and increased industry-aligned instructional capacity across transportation, construction, energy, and industrial maintenance pathways. A job description for the National Evaluation Project’s Grantee Evaluation Coordinator/Data Analyst was finalized. CERE, the outside evaluator, conducted a site visit that included student and instructor focus groups, and participated in the GNOu summit. A local magazine interviewed Consortium partners for a full-length article in a business magazine (attached to the QNR).

Delgado Community College

Delgado delivered three CDL cohorts during the quarter, with 22 students progressing toward licensure. Summer HEO and Diesel cohorts concluded with 19 industry-based credentials awarded. Due to student demand, an additional HEO cohort launched in October. Two Diesel Technology students secured employment prior to program completion. CDL graduates obtained Class A licenses and entered employment in regional transportation and logistics roles. Electric Vehicle Technician program development advanced through equipment procurement and planning the minor alterations to the workshop and classrooms.

Northshore Technical Community College

Northshore enrolled 54 students in the Electric Line Technician program for Spring 2026, achieving a 76% retention rate. Heavy Equipment Operator equipment was procured; however, instructor vacancies delayed program launch. Recruitment efforts are ongoing, including expanded job board postings and adjunct hiring. A working group of business and industries with HEO needs was formed.

River Parishes Community College

Eight students completed the 14-week Industrial Maintenance program, earning 12 NCCER credentials across Core and Millwright Level One. Two students received job offers, with one accepted. Millwright Lab renovations were completed, and industry-standard equipment was installed to enhance hands-on instruction. Students were recruited for a new 4-week Millwright course in January.

Nunez Community College

Nunez reached the second production milestone for the LNG trainer. Parts procurement was completed and assembly is underway. Installation remains on track for Summer 2026. Two Process Technology

students continued serving on the advisory board, formalizing student voice integration into program governance.

Greater New Orleans Development Foundation (GNODF)

GNODF executed the fourth annual GNOu Summit, convening nearly 400 educators and industry leaders. The event featured employer-led sessions focused on infrastructure, advanced manufacturing, and work-based learning. GNOIP college partners participated in the summit as presenters and audience members. GNODF and Program Director formalized agreements with Tri-Parish Works and the Jefferson Parish Workforce Development Board, establishing coordinated referral and supportive service systems. GNODF assisted with data collection, cleaning, and submission of participant data required for reporting.

Section III. Progress Toward Grant Goals.

Q4 2025 activities advanced enrollment growth, credential attainment, employer alignment, and systems-level coordination.

- 30 industry-based credentials and licensures awarded at Delgado
- 12 NCCER credentials earned at River Parishes
- 54 students enrolled in Electric Line Technician program at Northshore with 76% retention
- Two Diesel students and two Millwright students secured employment offers
- Two workforce board agreements executed to formalize referral and case management systems

Equipment procurement, lab, classroom, and workshop modernization, and employer advisory engagement strengthened alignment between training delivery and regional labor demand. Instructor recruitment at Northshore remains the primary constraint affecting Heavy Equipment Operator expansion. It is anticipated that HEO classes will be offered in March or April 2026. July 2025 equipment purchase approval affect equipment procurement and curriculum implementation for Nunez Process Technology program and Delgado's Electric Vehicle program. It is anticipated that all equipment will be in place and classes will start in Summer 2026.

Section IV. Development and Implementation of Effective Practices and Program Model Strategies

During Q4 2025, the Consortium institutionalized structured employer engagement, formalized referral pathways, expanded student voice integration, and increased industry-aligned instructional capacity to support sustainable systems change.

Delgado Community College

DCC engaged 24 employer partners through its Fall Career and Job Fair. Employers represented maritime, transportation, logistics, and advanced manufacturing companies, expanding DCC's circle of employer partners. Participants from grant-supported career pathways attended and connected with future employers. Instructor engagement and recruitment resulted in additional courses being offered, and students connected to employer partners. Schneider, a transport and logistics company, enhanced CDL program through presentations in the classroom.

River Parishes Community College

Completion of Millwright Lab renovations and installation of NCCER-aligned equipment enhanced experiential learning capacity. Employer discussions with Nucor and Turner Industries informed sponsorship exploration and program design.

Northshore Technical Community College

Electric Line Technician expansion leveraged employer feedback from DEMCO and Entergy to refine skill alignment and credential expectations. Equipment procurement positions the Heavy Equipment Operator program for launch upon instructor placement.

Nunez Community College

LNG trainer assembly progress positions the Process Technology program for simulation-based training integration in 2026. Student advisory participation integrates structured student feedback within curriculum development.

GNODF

GNODF strengthened regional coordination through execution of the GNOu Summit and formalization of workforce board agreements. These actions institutionalize cross-sector collaboration and reinforce the Consortium's "No Wrong Door" approach.

Section V. Status Update on Match and/or Leveraged Resources

During Q4 2025, leveraged investments and equipment donations strengthened program sustainability and reduced capital costs.

- Delgado received five electric vehicle motors from General Motors valued at approximately \$10,000
- Northshore Florida Parishes Campus constructed shed extensions to protect heavy equipment assets

Section VI. Status Update on Strategic Partnership Activities

Cross-sector coordination continued to expand through structured employer and workforce engagement.

- GNODF convened consortium partners for coordinated implementation planning
- Formal agreements with Tri-Parish Works and Jefferson Parish Workforce Development Board operationalized referral and supportive service systems
- River Parishes advanced employer engagement with Nucor Steel and Turner Industries
- Northshore strengthened alignment with regional utility partners
- Delgado Workforce engaged partners to increase program participation; Delgado MVT continued to educate their partners on upcoming EVT program

Section VII. Status Update on Employer Engagement Strategies

Employer engagement activities produced measurable alignment and hiring outcomes.

- Employer-led GNOu Summit sessions and networking with consortium partners continue to inform curriculum and work-based learning strategies
- At NTCC, instructor-led advisory discussions with DEMCO and Entergy informed program refinement
- RPCC's Millwright completers secured employment offers, and discussions with Nucor Steel and Turner Industries informed program refinement
- At Delgado, the instructor's reputation and active engagement with employer partners secured two job offers to Diesel participants while the class was still in session; discussions with the Regional Transit Authority (RTA) and the Sewerage and Water Board (SWBNO) increased interest in Diesel Technology course for their employees
- Employers committed to continued advisory participation and hiring pathway discussions

Section VIII. Key Issues and Technical Assistance Needs

The primary challenge during Q4 2025 remained instructor recruitment for Heavy Equipment Operator at Northshore Technical Community College. Expanded recruitment efforts and adjunct hiring strategies are underway. No additional technical assistance needs are identified.

Section IX. Significant Activities, Accomplishments, and Success Stories

Q4 2025 outcomes demonstrate measurable participant advancement and employer alignment.

- Eight students completed Millwright training earning 12 NCCER credentials
- Two Delgado Diesel Technology students secured employment with Peterbilt and Axel Tuners prior to course completion
- Electric Line Technician continued with 54 students for Spring 2026
- LNG trainer assembly milestone completed
- GNOu Summit convened nearly 400 stakeholders
- SCC4 funding was central in designating Delgado as an Automotive Center of Excellence, a first in the State of Louisiana. DOL funding ensures that DCC students will be taught in a renovated building, use the newest technologies and equipment, and benefit from the professional development instructors received through the grant.

Section X. Evidence and Evaluation

Consortium-wide data coordination strengthened accountability and continuous improvement.

- Quarterly participant data submissions were completed by three consortium institutions
- GNODF integrated institutional data into the master dataset for tracking enrollment and credential attainment
- Student evaluations, student advisory participation, and employer engagement metrics were documented by all college partners
- Delgado works with instructors and completers to track employment outcomes
- Outside evaluator completed first-year data review

Expanded participant tracking will occur following Nunez's LNG trainer implementation and integration into the curriculum. Beginning in Q3 2026, the Grantee Evaluation Coordinator/Data Analyst will work to support the goals of the GNOIP's Evaluation Grant through ensuring data quality, fulfilling evaluation requests, and tracking participant data prior to and after graduation or certificate completion to measure the success of training opportunities and access to career pathways into infrastructure jobs.

Section XI. Additional Information

The Consortium has nothing additional to report from Q4 2025.

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