

Joint Declaration of Intent

- Declaration between Federal Department of Economic Affairs, Education and Research of the Swiss Confederation and the Departments of Commerce, Education, and Labor of the United States of America
- This signing with Switzerland comes about one month after a signing with Germany on the topics of apprenticeships and career and technical education. These bilateral agreements with showcase the importance that the Obama Administration has placed on expanding apprenticeship opportunities in the United States – with the goal of doubling apprenticeships in the coming years.
- Document provides a framework for cooperation in such areas as work-based training, curriculum development, credential recognition, pathways to career development and the expansion of programs into new industry sectors.
- The bilateral agreement also provides the framework for cooperation to promote the value and benefits that apprenticeships and training can bring to companies and the workforce.

Swiss Companies Bring the Long Tradition of Apprenticeships to the U.S. – Creating Jobs, Building Skills, Sharing Prosperity

Swiss Firms continuing, expanding or implementing apprenticeship programs in the U.S.:

- Committed to new apprenticeship programs in the US
 - ABB Ltd.
 - Alevo Group
 - Burkhardt Compression
 - Firmenich AG
 - Givaudan Group
 - Holcim Ltd.
 - Mercuria Energy
 - Mikron Group
 - Schindler Holding
 - Wicor Group (Weidmann International Corporation)
- Committed to expansion of their existing or already announced US apprenticeship program
 - Bühler Group
 - Daetwyler Group
 - Feintool International Holding AG
 - Kudelski Group
 - Nestlé Group
 - Pilatus Aircraft Ltd.
 - SFS Group AG
 - Zurich Insurance Group