

**261—7.26(260F) Special requirements for community college-sponsored high technology apprenticeship projects.**

**7.26(1)** An apprenticeship sponsor must have a designated community college to serve as the project coordinator.

**7.26(2)** The designated community college shall serve as the apprenticeship sponsor's representative and shall serve as the department's contact regarding all project matters.

**7.26(3)** If more than one community college is involved in the project, the participating community colleges shall designate one college as the project's representative.

**7.26(4)** Apprenticeship Application for Assistance, Form 260F-1D, shall be signed by the community college or, in the case of a multicollege project, by each participating community college and shall be submitted by the community college to the department for project approval.

**7.26(5)** The community college shall enter into a training contract with the apprenticeship sponsor within 90 days of written notice of application approval from the department, using Apprenticeship Training Contract, Form 260F-4D.

**7.26(6)** All department communications concerning an apprenticeship project, including notice of project approval or denial and issuance of financial awards, shall be with the community college.

**7.26(7)** All default provisions specified in 261—7.30(260F) shall apply to college-sponsored apprenticeship training projects.

**7.26(8)** In the event of a default, a financial penalty will be assigned by the department to the apprenticeship sponsor identified by the designated community college as being responsible for the default.

**7.26(9)** Each apprenticeship sponsor that participates in the project shall complete a Final Performance Report, Form 260F-5A, at the completion of training as a condition of the loan's being forgiven.