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# PRESS RELEASE

## Start-up Charity Poised to Shakeup How Training is Delivered & Made Available

*And they're making life a lot easier for other start-up tax exempts like themselves!*

**Lanham, MD, February 2016:** *The Learners Lab (TLL)* today announced its plans for an all-encompassing training facility. A 15-year dream and almost 20 year-old idea, *The Learners Lab* was originally established as a service of another endeavor (**ED-Lab Online, 2002**) to provide training and proctoring space to the then relatively young but increasingly growing online education student community.

Resurrected as its own entity some years later, *TLL's* goals remain the same and incorporate myriad other obstacles individuals and employers encounter in pursuing workforce training and professional development. **"Establishing a one-stop training repository serving as many careers and industries as possible and eliminating cost or accessibility obstacles is a reality long overdue and challenges that should not exist in this day and age,"** says *TLL Founder, CEO & Chief Resource Officer Jerri D. Thomas*. We'll work to acquire resources across industry, make them available, and establish partner and mentorship relationships to keep it moving.

Entities pursuing tax exempt status face equally daunting challenges. It's nearly impossible to find affordable help completing the form F1023/1024 application for tax exempt status, sponsors to absorb the high cost of filing the IRS application, free/low cost technical assistance with the myriad other needs these pre- and start-up face. *TLL's* goal here focuses on closing support and resource gaps for entities in this group meeting its criteria that's less than 2 years old.

*The Learners Lab* received its letter of determination in February 2015 and has been granted tax exempt status under IRS Code 501(c)3. *TLL* is officially recognized by the IRS as a 509(a)(2) Public Charity, with contributions deductible under section 170 of the IRS Code.

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*The Learners Lab, Inc. (TLL)* a charitable workforce training and fiscal sponsorship resource center. A start-up itself, *TLL* also serves as a fiscal sponsor to other start-ups tax exempt entities. Poised to be the nations, first centralized professional development resource center, *TLL's* goal is **"Training for Everyone."**

*The Learners Lab* facilities will be located in Prince Georges County, Maryland near its current headquarters in Lanham. *TLL* is motivated to remove the cost and accessibility barriers that make career and workforce training an impossible challenge for so many to participate in, and plans to offer training resources in a host of industries supporting a broad spectrum of career, with dedicated facilities focusing on discipline specific and vocational trades such as **Welding, Mechanical Engineering, and Architectural Design.**

Launched the Fall of 2015, *TLL's* current activities surround its **Fiscal Sponsorship Program.** Efforts include securing mentor partnerships, providing grant processing support, and delivering org development technical assistance, and other unique start-up services to its **Fiscal Sponsorship Awardees.**

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