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PRESS RELEASE

Start-up Charity Opens Application Cycle for Fiscal Sponsorships

Start-Up tax exempts is working to make life easier for other start-up tax exempts!

Lanham, MD, Summer 2016: *The Learners Lab (TLL)* is pleased to announce it is opening up the application cycle for its Fiscal Sponsorship Program. Applications will now be accepted year round.

Entities pursuing tax exempt status face up-hill battles and myriad challenges moving to tax exempt status, *TLL* is working to make that process as easy an seamless and painless as is possible by delivering technical assistance and fostering mentor partnerships. Visit www.TheLearnersLab.org/Fiscal-Sponsorship.html for more details and *TLL's Fiscal Sponsorship Application*.

A start-up itself, *The Learners Lab* founder knows quite intimately the uphill battle of launching a start-up and was compelled to help other entities pursuing their tax exempt status who are also in the initial/early stages of operations or were recently granted status as a US charity, nonprofit, foundation, association, or other entity as defined by the Unites State Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

Sponsorship term range from 6 months to 2 years, and are open to:

- U.S. Applicants Ready to File for Tax Exempt Status,
- U.S. Applicants Pursuing But Not Ready to File for Tax Exempt Status (starting from scratch),
- U.S. Applicants With a F1023/1024 Application Already Pending Before the IRS, But Needing Additional Assistance, or
- U.S. Applicants Needing Only Grant Processing Services

TLL is also working to establish a Supply Channel so that it can make software and other technologies available directly to its Fiscal Sponsorship Awardees, or accept it on their behalf. Once secured, TLL will add "Technology Acquisition Program" as a 5th category.

Awardees receive Mentorship plus customized technical assistance services & supports such as:

- Finance Department and Infrastructure Development
- Financial Management, Grant Administration and Project Accounting
- HR Department and Infrastructure Development
- Industry/Service Specific Policy Development
- Organizational Chart, Governance and Overall Business Unit Development
- Programmatic Development, Professional Development Training Department/Program/Materials
- Technology Department and Infrastructure Development

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. This designation includes a specific disposition to serve as a Fiscal Sponsor to U.S. entities.

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 near its current headquarters in Lanham in suburban Maryland. 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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