

WORKSHOP SESSION SUMMARY
POST-CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS
2018 National Trainers' Exchange

1. Session Title and Presenter's Contact Information:

Workshop title: Badges and Micro Credentialing for Skilled Workers and Volunteers

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2. Workshop Summary:

There is a growing use of digital badges and a framework to establish the credibility of the issuing/certifying entities. In the technology field Cisco Certification and A+ certifications have become standards that rival college degrees in the job market.

In disaster response there is a need to provide just in time training which is both contextually relevant and practical within time constraints and limited duties of an individual.

In this work shop attendees will be introduced to the system and technologies to set up a badge and how a collection of badges equate to a certification. The group will participate in a facilitated exercise defining the credentials for 2-4 worker/responders.

The group will discuss how this may map into or supplement OSHA training. The concept of peer (WTP organization) validation and support for badges and credentialing will be put on the table for discussion.

3. Methods:

In the small group we provided background information on the method to issue a badge and how that is linked to a verifiable curriculum standard. We also provided a web based "sand box" where participants could on their phone, pad or desktop use a web browser and experiment with issuing digital badges.

4. Main Points/ Key Points Raised from Participants:

- *Digital badges are portable "user friendly" credentials*
- *The verifiable cert criteria can aid adoption*
- *The solution works around IT and learning management system restrictions*

5. References:

<http://badge.inxsol.com/>
<https://openbadges.org/>
<https://twitter.com/openbadges?lang=en>

6. Workshop Handouts/ Resources:
See attachment