

Ohio Board of Regents

Non-Credit Job Training Capital Improvement Facilities Funds

FY 2007-2008

To Support EnterpriseOhio Network Campuses in the Delivery of Non-Credit Worker Training and Assessment Services that are an Integral Part of a Regional Economic Development Project

Overview of Recommendation

Background

The State's Capital Appropriation Budget Bill for FY 2007-2008 included \$2,350,000 for Non-Credit Job Training Capital Improvement Facilities. This appropriation makes available financial support for capital improvements at EnterpriseOhio Network Campuses that are essential to the success of specific on-going long term regional economic development projects. The funds will be used to renovate, modify or assist in the building of state-of-the-art training facilities that has the equipment, materials and technology needed to support worker training and assessment services requested by Ohio's employers.

For Ohio's businesses to compete globally, we must afford their employees the opportunity for life long learning that will assure their employability well into the next century. Ohio employees need to be proficient, highly skilled and trained in the use of the latest equipment and software to achieve maximum productivity. The availability of highly skilled productive workers has become an essential point among communities and states contending for new business investments.

Purpose

The EnterpriseOhio Network campuses are active, supportive partners with businesses and economic development agencies. These partnerships and projects that emerge are critical to the economic development of Ohio communities and are also the foundation for the Non-Credit Job Training Capital Improvement Facilities Appropriation.

Employers seeking customized training and assessment services to support job retention, expansion or the location of their business to Ohio, will as a result of the Non-Credit Job Training Capital Improvement Facilities Appropriation, find the EnterpriseOhio Network campuses better equipped to meet their training and assessment requirements. Ohio workers will acquire the up-to-date skills they need to support their own productivity, job retention, advancement as well as their employer's business success.

Application and Review Process

The Non-Credit Job Training Capital Improvement Facilities Funds are awarded as a result of a needs-based application process and EnterpriseOhio Network campuses receiving the funds will be able to acquire the equipment, and/or technology, and/or will be able to modify existing facilities or may support the construction of a new facility if already under construction that will be completed in the next three years.

The Non-Credit Job Training Capital Improvement Facilities Grant Application was distributed electronically and hard copy as needed to the EnterpriseOhio Network on April 2, 2007. The closing date for submission of an application from an EnterpriseOhio Network campus was May 18, 2007.

Three external out of state reviewers were contracted for their services. The reviewers were:

Patrick Gerity, Vice President, Continuing Education and Workforce Development at Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania, Preston Morgan, Director for Business and Industry Services, Illinois Community College Board and Nan Poppe, President, Extended Learning Campus of Portland Community College. Each reviewer due to their years of experience and expertise in workforce development was selected to provide their analytical review, scoring and annotated comments on the applications received.

Based on the criteria developed in the Request for Application Packet 21 applications were received. From the scores and comments received from the reviewers, five (5) EnterpriseOhio Network campuses are recommended for funding as follows:

Funding Summary:

Cuyahoga Community College	\$ 447,000
Wright State University-Lake Edison Community College	\$ 482,000
Jefferson Community College Belmont Technical College	\$ 477,000
Rhodes State College	\$ 472,000
Lakeland Community College	<u>\$ 472,000</u>
TOTAL	\$ 2,350,000

Brief Description of the Non-Credit Job Training Projects Recommended For Funding:

1) Cuyahoga Community College

- Regional Economic Development Project – ***Bioscience Workforce Training and Assessment Center***

Project Description:

Northeast Ohio has become a leader in medical device development, manufacturing and distribution. Industry groups have identified the lack of a technically trained workforce as a critical issue in the support and growth of the bioscience industry in Ohio. Ohio has invested more than \$550 million from Ohio's Third Frontier Project to the bioscience sector.

A new and the first Bioscience Workforce Training and Assessment Center in Ohio will provide the technical and employability skills required for their growing industry as well as the knowledge needed for bioscience production and maintenance companies.

Funds awarded will be used to purchase mobile equipment needed for off-site training and at various employer locations.

The center projects to train and prepare 677 Bioscience workers in the first three years of operation. The College is committed to providing \$562,717 to support this endeavor and in respond to the current and emerging economic development opportunities in bioscience manufacturing.

2) Wright State University-Lake Campus & Edison Community College

- Regional Economic Development Project: ***Western Ohio Training Consortium for Advanced Manufacturing***

Project Description:

The Western Ohio Training Consortium was formed in 2006 and encompasses eleven counties where advanced manufacturing training is delivered to incumbent and dislocated workers located in this region of the state. The Consortium is comprised of four educational institutions, Wright State University-Lake campus, Sinclair Community College, Edison Community College, and the Upper Valley Joint Vocational School, local WIA boards, Miami County Economic Development and several regional manufacturers. Through on-going collaboration they will address the needs of dislocated workers in general manufacturing and work together to prepare individuals for work in advanced manufacturing positions.

The Consortium also plans to develop a non-credit curriculum for multiple advanced manufacturing skills that will be available to dislocated and incumbent workers at all of the institutions and will also have the capability to be taken off site through a mobile delivery system.

Non-Credit Job Training funds will be used to renovate campus facilities at Wright State University-Lake Campus and Edison Community College to deliver the training needed for this region of the state. The two campuses have committed \$77,500 towards the development and success of this project.

The Consortium plans to train 160 incumbent workers and 40 dislocated workers in the next 2 to 3 years.

3) Jefferson Community College & Belmont Technical College

- Regional Economic Development Project: ***Regional Training Alliance***
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Project Description:

The Ohio Valley has experienced a drastic declined of manufacturing and coal industry jobs and continues to face high unemployment, population loss and poverty. The shortage of skilled workers in this region of the state also presents a challenge as there is intense competition to attract and retain employers and employees to this region of the state. In response to these challenges Jefferson Community College and Belmont Technical College recently formed a Regional Training Alliance that also includes employers, local one-stop centers, WIA Boards, vocational schools and others.

The Regional Training Alliance delivers training and assessment services in an accelerated manner to train or re-train workers for various levels of manufacturing jobs.

The Eastern Ohio Valley Tech Prep Consortium, representing 16 school districts will assist the Regional Training Alliance in creating a “pipeline” of future skilled workers by helping secondary schools implement a curriculum that will prepare high school students to enter training programs with advanced skills. Aligning with the Ohio Mid-Eastern Governments Association (OMEGA) their joint goal is to have the educated workforce they need for a strong economic base and for families to be become economically self-sustaining.

Non-Credit Job Training Funds will be used to purchase up-to-date equipment needed to train 750 individuals in energy production, basic metals, alternative fuel, electrical systems, and also for automotive suppliers. In-kind donations from the two colleges and its various members will contribute over \$1.5 million towards the implementation and success of this project for the next three years.

4) Rhodes State College

- Regional Economic Development Project: ***West Central Ohio Training Expansion Project***

Project Description:

In 2004, Rhodes State College’s workforce training division met with representatives of Honda of America Manufacturing (HAM) to focus on Honda’s training needs which included the need for hands-on-lab training experiences, a customized curriculum and specific training equipment. The College working in collaboration with Edison Community College, Clark State Community College, Marion Technical College, Columbus State Community College and Ohio Hi-Point Career Center, were able to align their different curricula to meet Honda’s training need and requests.

Due to the lack of customized manufacturing training equipment, Rhodes State College is limited in the number of participants it can train for Honda as well as other companies in this region of the state. The new training equipment will be accessible to the other colleges as well and will support Ohio’s new business attraction and expansion. The College plans to train at least 500 individuals per year ensuring Honda and other Ohio companies have the skilled trained workforce it needs.

Through in-kind donations that College is contributing for use of space, salary of the project manager and the assessment coordinators, over \$330,000 will be contributed towards the implementation and success of this project.

5) Lakeland Community College

- Regional Economic Development Project: ***Leadership & Economic Advancement (LEAP) Project***

Project Description:

Northeast Ohio has struggled to diversify its manufacturing base and cultivate existing and emerging economic opportunities in medical, financial and technical services. The top three high growth job sectors for Northern Ohio are in Healthcare and Social Assistance, Professional and Business Services, Administrative and Waste Services.

Using Non-Credit Job Training Capital Funds the Lakeland Community College plans to expand its campus space for non-credit training. The College working in partnership with area businesses, economic development leaders and other training providers will provide the non-credit skill training needed for employees in this region of the state.

Lakeland Community College plans to improve the skills of 2,547 workers in Lake, Cuyahoga, Geauga and Ashtabula Counties over the next three years. The College's operating budget will be responsible for leasing the 7,650 feet of new space needed to ensure the success of this project. Grant funds will be used to purchase equipment needed to deliver non-credit training.