



Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board

Federal grant offers fully paid tuition for online training to Clallam manufacturers

OLYMPIA _ A \$2.7 million federal grant is helping manufacturing businesses across Washington pay for worker training at nearly no cost.

The U.S. Department of Labor is paying for the training to boost the skills of those who work at small and mid-sized manufacturers in 31 Washington counties. The funded online training is part of a larger grant dubbed “Make it in Washington.”

In addition to training at both the community college and university level for employees, qualifying manufacturers may also receive a free business assessment from Impact Washington, to help plan for improvement and growth.

“This is great way for businesses to grow their employees into more productive, valuable members of the team, right where they live,” said grant manager Mike Brennan, an economic development specialist with the state’s Workforce Board. “Because all training is online, it allows motivated manufacturing employees to advance their education from all parts of the state, at all levels of education.”

Employees are able to get their training through Highline and Shoreline community colleges, and can also take undergraduate and graduate courses through Washington State University. Training is focused on industry-relevant areas such as supply chain management, international trade, and logistics. Undergraduate and graduate courses expand into project management, manufacturing leadership, and six sigma certification.

But manufacturers will need to act quickly. This is the final year of the grant. Get more information on how to register for summer and fall classes by contacting Mike Brennan at mike.brennan@wtb.wa.gov or call him at 360-709-4616.

The Workforce Board is a state agency that monitors and evaluates the state’s key workforce programs and also provides leadership on policies that help all Washington residents get the education and training they need to obtain living-wage jobs.

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