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State Helps Train Ohio's Workforce

A pre-application is now available for businesses who want financial help to train their current workforce. The Ohio Development Services Agency is launching round two of the Ohio Incumbent Workforce Training Voucher Program. This program will make \$30 million in Fiscal Year 2014 available for employers to train their workforce. \$27 million in grants will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. The remaining \$3 million will be used for loans. Applications for the grant program will be accepted for review on September 30, 2013.

"Building a strong economy is about ensuring Ohio's workforce has the tools it needs for success," said David Goodman, director of the Ohio Development Services Agency. "We want our workforce to be ready for the competitive jobs of tomorrow."

Training can occur in: Advanced Manufacturing, Aerospace and Aviation, Automotive, Back Office, BioHealth, Corporate Headquarters, Energy, Financial Services, Food Processing, Information Technology and Services, Logistics, Polymers and Chemicals, and Research and Development. Training opportunities include, but are not limited to, classes at an accredited education institution, operational skills training, certification processes and equipment training. Training can occur at the employer's facility, at the training provider's facility or at a third-party site.

This program is operated as a reimbursable program, and is for an Ohio company that has been in operation for at least 12 months. The Ohio Development Services Agency will reimburse the employer for up to 50 percent of the eligible training costs, up to \$4,000 per employee, after 1) the employer pays the full cost of the training, and 2) the employee successfully completes the training. The maximum amount an employer may qualify for in a fiscal year is \$250,000.

For more information about the Ohio Incumbent Workforce Training Voucher Program visit http://development.ohio.gov/bs/bs_wtvp.htm.

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