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Application Opens for Workforce Training Funds

The Ohio Incumbent Workforce Training Voucher Program application is now open. Ohio businesses can begin completing the application for funding to improve the skills of their workforce.

“Technology keeps changing, and this training keeps employees up-to-date on the skills they need to be competitive,” said David Goodman, director of the Ohio Development Services Agency.

Training in the following high-demand fields is eligible: Advanced Manufacturing, Aerospace and Aviation, Automotive Manufacturing, Automotive Technicians, BioHealth, Corporate Headquarters, Energy, Financial Services, Food Processing, Information Technology and Services, Polymers and Chemicals, Logistics, or Research and Development. Training opportunities include, but are not limited to, operational skills training, certification processes and equipment training. Training can occur at the employer’s facility, the provider’s training facility or at a third-party site.

The Ohio Development Services Agency reimburses the employer for up to 33 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 \$25,000. The company must be in operation for at least 12 months in Ohio to participate.

Eligible businesses can begin the online application process on September 25, 2017 and will have three weeks to gather the necessary information to complete their application. Online applications will be accepted on a first-come, first- served basis and can be submitted on October 12, 2017 between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

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

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