Ninth Round of Minnesota Dual-Training Pipeline Grants Awarded

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY

Minnesota employees and their employers will benefit from nearly $2.8 million in state grants to fund employment-based dual training for 589 current and new employees as part of the Minnesota Dual-Training Pipeline.

The program's Dual Training Grants give dual trainees the opportunity to earn while they learn and help businesses meet their workforce needs. Four industries with in-demand, high-growth occupations are eligible to receive grants: advanced manufacturing, agriculture, health care services, and information technology.

"We're hearing stories of how the COVID-19 pandemic has Minnesotans re-thinking the importance and value of higher education as the path to achieving their career goals," said Commissioner Dennis Olson, Minnesota Office of Higher Education. "This employer/student partnership is finding increased success and value this year, both in terms of meeting individual goals, as well as addressing changing workforce needs."

This year, over $2 million of the grants are being awarded to companies located in greater Minnesota. Employees will earn a wide variety of industry-recognized degrees, certificates, and credentials as part of this program that will help improve their skills and advance their careers. The grants will support 31 employers in advanced manufacturing, two in agriculture, 15 in health care, and 1 in information technology. All employers invest in their employees, ensuring robust training programs which require additional, on-going resources.

The Minnesota Office of Higher Education (OHE) administers the Dual Training Grant program, in collaboration with the Minnesota Dual-Training Pipeline at the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry (DLI). Grant funds can be used to cover the cost of dual trainees' tuition, fees and required materials for the related instruction training in program occupations.

"The Minnesota Dual-Training Pipeline pairs on-the-job training and classroom learning to provide skills for workers while helping employers meet their workforce needs," said Nancy Leppink, DLI commissioner. "Apprenticeships and dual training are important training models that help Minnesota employers recruit and retain employees. We are excited to continue our support of these programs with this new round of grants."

Grants are being awarded to the following Minnesota organizations:

- Aagard - Alexandria
- AGCO Corporation - Jackson

- Alliance Machine - Elk River
- Allina Health - New Ulm
- American Crystal Sugar - Moorhead
- Apple Tree Dental - Mounds View
- Bedford Industries - Worthington
- BTD Manufacturing - Detroit Lakes and Lakeville
- C.A.R.E. Clinic - Red Wing
- Cerenity Senior Care - Saint Paul and White Bear Lake
- Daikin Applied Air - Faribault and Owatonna
- Design Ready Controls - Brooklyn Park
- DeZURIK - Sartell
- Dotson Iron Castings - Mankato
- Essentia Health - Duluth
- Eureka Recycling - Minneapolis
- Goodwill Industries, Inc. - Saint Paul
- Grand Village - Grand Rapids
- Greater Bemidji - Bemidji
- Innovize - Saint Paul
- Intercultural Mutual Assistance Association - Rochester
- JBS - Worthington
- Jones Metal, Inc. - Mankato
- K&G Manufacturing - Faribault
- Kahler Automation - Fairmont
- Lamb Weston RDO Frozen - Park Rapids
- Mankato Clinic - Mankato
- McNeilus Truck and Manufacturing - Dodge Center
- Mechanical Systems Inc - Dundas
- Miller Ingenuity - Winona
- Pequot Tool & Manufacturing - Pequot Lakes
- Post Consumer Brands - Northfield
- Range Mental Health Center Inc. - Virginia
- Red Lake Comprehensive Health Services - Red Lake
- rms Company - Coon Rapids
- SageGlass - Faribault
- Saint Therese of New Hope - New Hope
- Sanford Health Network - Bemidji and Worthington

- Sappi Cloquet LLC - Cloquet
- Sauer Health Care - Winona
- Seneca Foods Corporation - LeSeuer
- SFC Global Supply Chain, Inc - Marshall
- The Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society - Brainerd
- Touchstone Mental Health - Minneapolis
- Trex Commercial Products - Brooklyn Park
- UMC, Inc. - Monticello
- University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum - Chaska
- V-TEK, Inc. - Mankato
- Winegar, Inc. - Waseca

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