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The Workforce Skills Cabinet Announces New Career Technical Initiative Grants

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BOSTON — A Total of $1.3m is Being Awarded to Train 256 People

Governor Baker's Workforce Skills Cabinet today announced eight Career Technical Initiative (CTI) grants totaling $1.3 million to train 256 people ready to enter the workforce or advance in their current careers. Round 1 supports 21 career pathways across the 8 schools.

The state-funded CTI Program is an initiative of Governor Baker's administration to up-skill students, as well as adults, for careers in high-demand and high-growth sectors, with an emphasis on creating pathways for people from underserved populations and underrepresented groups to access training.

They will be the first set of programs funded by the Career Technical Initiative Line item. $4M was allocated in the FY'21 budget.

These grants will transform vocational high schools into Career Technical Institutes, running three shifts per day to expand enrollment of high school students and adults. Career Technical Initiative Grant Recipients include:

Greater Lawrence Technical School received $385,000
Greater Lawrence Technical School will be using these grant funds to provide training and placement services to prepare unemployed and underemployed participants for Biotech Lab Technician, Carpenter, Electricians, HVAC, Plumber positions. Their grant partners include: MassHIre Merrimack Valley Career Center and Workforce Board and the following employer partners: Jones General Contractors, Ginkgo Bioworks, All-Pro Electricians, Capeless Plumbing & Heating, Marceau Construction Corp., CentiMark Corporation, National Mechanical Service Inc, Central Colling & Heating Inc, Correct Temp HVAC & Millipore Sigma.

Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical School District received $110,000
Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical School District will be using these grant funds to provide training and placement services to prepare unemployed and underemployed participants for Carpenter, CNC Machine Operator positions. Their grant partners include: MassHire Metro Boston, Metro South/West, Metro North and North Central Career Centers and the following employer partners: Tecomet, Feinmann, North River Builders, Nova Biomedical, Rolls Royce.

Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School received $125,000
Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School will be using these grant funds to provide training and placement services to prepare unemployed and underemployed participants for Plumber, Welder positions. Their grant partners include: MassHire North Central Career Center, MassHire North Central Workforce Board and the following employer partners: Fitchburg Welding Company, Tim's Fabricators, Airgas, Brideau, Huhtala Oil Company, Spadafore Oil & Energy

Nashoba Valley Technical High School received $100,000
Nashoba Valley Technical HS - Community Ed/Adult Ed will be using these grant funds to provide training and placement services to prepare unemployed and underemployed participants for Automotive Services Technician, Plumber positions. Their grant partners include: MassHire Greater Lowell and North Central Career Centers and Workforce Boards and the following employer partners: Triangle Service Center, Acton Toyota of Littleton, Atamian Honda, Stansfield Tire Center, Viega LLC, J. Ellis Plumbing & Heating, Eric C. Foster Plumbing & Heating.

Southeastern Regional School District received $150,000
Southeastern Regional School District will be using these grant funds to provide training and placement services to prepare unemployed and underemployed participants for Welder, CNC Machine Operator positions. Their grant partners include: MassHire Brockton Career Center and Workforce Board and the following employer partners: DeAngelis Iron Works, Pine Hill Equipment, Rens Welding & Fabricating.

Greater Fall River Vocational School District received $100,000
Greater Fall River Vocational School District will be using these grant funds to provide training and placement services to prepare unemployed and underemployed participants for Carpenter, Welder positions. Their grant partners include: MassHire Bristol Workforce Board and Career Centers and the following employer partners: Davico Manufacturing, Dartmouth Building Supply, North Atlantic Corporation.

Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School received $240,000
Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School will be using these grant funds to provide training and placement services to prepare unemployed and underemployed participants for Automotive Services Technicians, HVAC, Plumber, Construction Craft positions. Their grant partners include: MassHire North Shore Workforce Board and Career Centers and the following employer partners: T.W. Webb Company, Cranney Home Services, National Mechanical Service, Tremblay Heating, Kelley Automotive Group, Mini of Peabody, Lyon Waugh Auto Group, Groom Construction, Menino Construction, Bilo Plumbing & Heating, Breen Sullivan Mechanical Services.

Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School received $90,000
Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School will be using these grant funds to provide training and placement services to prepare unemployed and underemployed participants for CNC Machine Operator, Welder positions. Their grant partners include: MassHire Merrimack Valley Career Center and Workforce Board and the following employer partners: Arwood Machine, Magellan Aerospace, Fairview Machine, Aero Manufacturing, Metacrafters, East Coast Welding & Metal Fabrication, Metal Tronics, LLC.

The grants include funding to deliver adult training, credentialing, and placement services in partnership with MassHire Career Centers and Workforce Boards. Approximately 9,000 to 13,000 additional adult learners are expected to earn industry credentials, opening opportunities for them to obtain jobs in high-demand skilled industries.

For more information about how you can enroll into a program or if you are a business seeking to fill vacancies in these occupations, please visit **http://commcorp.org/** (http://commcorp.org/).

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