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WORKER TRAINING

State Issues grants for MATC programs

Grants of nearly \$400,000 to help train about 700 skilled manufacturing workers at 21 companies were awarded by the state Wednesday to Madison Area Technical College.

The Workforce Advancement Training Grants are in four categories:

- Certifying and upgrading 125 workers' skills to meet national manufacturing industry standards with seven companies that are members of the South Central Industry Partnership; \$89,112.
- Upgrading skills of 175 workers at nine companies with a focus on quality and productivity concepts; \$70,793.
- Providing leadership training to 318 employees from 15 companies to improve competence in communication, teamwork and performance management; \$114,060.
- Developing continuous improvement skills of 90 workers at six small businesses by training in efficiency and consistency; \$116,020.

Participating companies are Cardinal Glass, McCain Foods USA, Multi-Color Corp., Penda Corp., Placon, Plastic Ingenuity, Portage Plastics, Research Products Corp., Saelens, Saint-Gobain, Sani-Matic, SICO America, Spacesaver, Spring Windows, Sussek Machine, Teel Plastics, Thermal Spray Technologies, Thermo Fisher Scientific, Visicom, Webcrafters and Wick Building Systems.