

PRIMARY SECTOR WORKFORCE TRAINING GRANT PROGRAM

SWIB Sector Strategies Committee Meeting



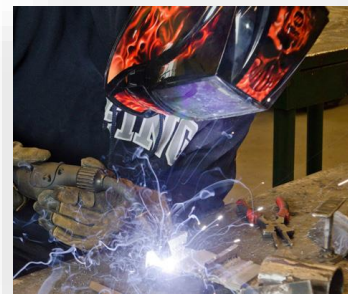
PURPOSE

- State Funded Program – Biannual Appropriations
- Provides grants to businesses for training of new full-time and part-time workers with the purpose of creating new jobs in Montana.



ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

- Eligible Business
 - Primary Sector - 50% of sales outside of the state of Montana
 - Manufacturing company with at least 50% of its sales to other Montana companies that have 50% of their sales occurring outside of Montana;
 - New business that provides a product or service that is not available in Montana, which results in state residents leaving the state to purchase the product or service.
- Create at least one job
- Wage Requirements
 - Trainees must be paid at least 170% of Montana current minimum wage. Benefits can be used in this calculation.
- Need for training for the employees



HOW MUCH CAN APPLY FOR

- \$5,000 maximum for each full-time (averaging 35 hours per week) job;
Statute does provide for some exceptions to the funding ceiling.
- \$2,500 maximum for each part-time (averaging 25-34 hours per week) job;
- \$1 in match for every \$3 of WTG funds awarded.



TYPES OF TRAINING

Used for direct training costs, such as:

- training program promotion;
- instructor wages, per diem, and travel;
- curriculum development and training materials;
- lease of training equipment and training space;
- miscellaneous direct training costs (such as employee training-related travel);
- administrative costs associated with training;
- training assessment and testing;
- in-house or on-the-job training; and
- subcontracted services with eligible training providers.

FUNDED PROJECTS

- ADF International, Inc.
120 full-time jobs - \$600,000
- Bacterin International, Inc.
13 jobs - \$65,000
- Transco Railcar Repair, Inc.
55 full-time jobs - \$275,000
- Pioneer Aerostructures, LLC
14 full-time and 2 part-time jobs - \$75,000

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QUESTIONS

