



COMMUNITY UPDATE



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News about MSSC's Certified Production Technician (CPT) and Certified Logistics Technician (CLT) training and certification systems.

Multiple Grants for MSSC Training

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MSSC is pleased to announce that our CPT and CLT certification programs have been included in multiple grant projects recently funded by the US Department of Labor (DOL). This will enable MSSC to offer training and certification to 1000s of individuals, to expand our newly released logistics program, and to develop a new training and certification program for green production in all manufacturing sectors.

Earlier this year, DOL announced over \$250 million competitive grant awards funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Awards for training were given in various areas including: high growth industries, energy training partnerships, aging worker initiatives and auto-impacted counties. Programs in all 50 states received funding, and MSSC-related programs were funded in California, Indiana, Ohio and Texas.

"The Recovery Act's investments are making a positive difference in the lives of America's working families," said Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis. These grants will ensure that

workers will receive high quality training and employment services to help them qualify for higher wage jobs.

"With unemployment remaining high, it is more important than ever to equip workers with the tools necessary to succeed," said MSSC CEO Leo Reddy. "These funds will allow MSSC to continue to fulfill our mission to offer courses, assessments and credentials to thousands of students and front-line workers in all sectors of manufacturing and supply chain logistics."

To see full DOL ETA press release [click here](#).

More grant news inside this issue!

What's Ahead:

A similar Solicitation for Grant Application (SGA) was released by DOL's Employment and Training Administration on March 15, 2010. MSSC has been successful putting in proposals in this category and is seeking to partner with organizations that may apply for this grant. This opportunity has a requirement that "the training result in an employer- or industry-recognized credential" making MSSC an ideal addition to your application.

With our training, testing and certification systems for frontline workers in both manufacturing (CPT) and logistics (CLT), MSSC is a strong and proven partner in this ETA program. If you would like more information, please contact [Rebekah Hutton](#) or (703) 739-9000 x227.

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Grant Awards, cont'd

Ohio: New Green Manufacturing Certification

Alliance for Green Manufacturing Skills Training



The Communications Workers of America (CWA) National Education and Training Trust was recently awarded a \$3.9 million

dollar grant to develop and deliver a Green Manufacturing Skills Training Certification program to dislocated workers and veterans in eight auto-impacted counties across Ohio. The project will also leverage the CPT program to provide 600 workers with short-term training opportunities in advanced manufacturing

“Dislocated manufacturing workers already possess many of the skills necessary to adapt to projected changes in the industry,” said IUE-CWA President Jim Clark. “The MSSC System will streamline the

process of preparing those workers to gain employment in traditional and emerging green manufacturing occupations.”

Under this grant, MSSC will develop a new “Green Production” training, assessment and certification module applicable to all sectors of manufacturing. This two-year project will also train at least 600 workers in both CPT and the new Green Module. Upon its completion the “Green Production” CPT Module will be made available nationwide.

Key Partners in this project are: IUE-CWA; MSSC; AFL-CIO Working for America Institute; Area 7 Workforce Investment Board, Ohio Apollo Program, Green Career Central; and “Military to Work” Program.

San Jacinto College Offers CPT Training

San Jacinto College in Houston area received a DOL Community-Based Job Training grant to support workforce training for high-growth, high-demand industries. Training began March 2 in all four CPT modules: Safety, Quality Control & Continuous Improvement, Manufacturing Process and Production and Maintenance Awareness.

“The initiatives supported by this grant target the workforce development needs of the energy and construction industries,” said Craig Zimmerman, director for applied technology in San Jacinto College’s Continuing and Professional Development (CPD) division.

For more information and the complete press release [click here](#).

CA Project Expands Logistics Program

Southern California Logistics Technical Collaborative (SCLTC)

The San Bernardino Community College District received a \$4.2 million, three-year grant from DOL to provide training to improve the logistics workforce skills for entry level and incumbent workers, including CLT training and credentialing for 500 individuals. Grant activity will be concentrated in the heavily used logistics corridor between the Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles (which handle 42% of all U.S. imports) and San Bernardino. The San Bernardino area is one of the largest and most important intermodal logistics hubs in the United States. Logistics jobs in this area are predicted to increase from 578,000 today to 969,000 by 2030.

This grant will build upon the CLT

program which began with a 2007 DOL grant to the North Central Texas Workforce Board (NCTWB). In partnership with NCTWB, Texas Manufacturing Assistance Center, Community Learning Center and Tarrant County College, MSSC developed its Certified Logistics Associate (CLA) certificate and Certified Logistics Technician (CLT) certification programs. Currently, over 700 individuals have received training and over 500 credentials have been issued.

Key Partners in this project, in addition to MSSC, are: Long Beach City College, East Los Angeles College, Riverside College, San Bernardino College, Pacific Gateway Long Beach, Los Angeles County Work-

force Investment Board, Career Partners Work source, East Los Angeles Employment Workforce Investment Board, Hub Cities Consortium, Community Career Development, Riverside County Workforce Investment Board, San Bernardino County Workforce Investment Board, United Parcel Service, Port of Long Beach, Hillwood Associates, Small Manufactures Institute, Schneider Logistics, The Alliance for Education, Community Action Partners, Grace Chapel, Archdiocese of Los Angeles, Veteran Affairs, Los Angeles Unified District, San Bernardino County – ROP and Long Beach Unified School District.

Grant Awards, cont'd

Two Projects Funded in Indiana



1 Advanced Manufacturing Training

WorkOne and Ivy Tech Community College have partnered to offer unemployed and low-income Hoosiers across southeast Indiana free training in advanced manufacturing. Funding has been obtained to help individuals pursue MSSC CPT and CLT training and certification at Ivy Tech cam-

pus. MSSC training and certification assessment is offered by Ivy Tech Community College and several SE Indiana high schools. Upon successful completion of the four MSSC CPT assessments students will earn the MSSC credential and six credits from Ivy Tech Community College that can be applied toward an Associate's degree or Technical Certificate in the College's new Advanced Manufacturing degree program.

For the full press release [click here](#).

2 Aging Worker Initiative

The Tecumseh Area Partnership, Inc. received a \$1 million grant to establish an Older Worker Skills Network within the WorkOne system. The network will address the workforce challenges faced by both older workers and employers and will provide training and certification opportunity in MSSC's CPT program.

Almost 25% of the population of West

Central Indiana is over the age of 55, and the region faces challenge in the economic downturn as major manufacturing and transportation companies have reduced their workforces. This program will assist older workers in the region to increase awareness and take advantage of the public workforce system.

Funded through an ETA public-private partnership with The Atlantic Philanthropies, only 10 grants were awarded through this opportunity. MSSC is proud to participate in this program to ensure that workers of all ages are equipped to be successful in advanced manufacturing.

IN Companies Recognize MSSC Certification

Several leading Southeast Indiana advanced manufacturing and distribution/logistics companies have endorsed the nationally recognized workforce credentials from MSSC for those that will be hired as the economy recovers. These innovative companies recognize that they will require a pipeline of highly skilled workers in order to compete globally. They identify the CPT and CLT certifications as key building blocks in the development of that workforce.

Key companies who have agreed to give preference take MSSC credentials into account in the hiring process include: Cummins Inc. (the state's largest employer), Lowes Distribution Center – North Vernon, Grote Industries, Arvin Sango, Madison Precision, Aisin USA-Seymour, Aisin Drivetrain-Crothersville and Royer Corporation-Madison.

MSSC Standards Reviewed

Earlier this year, two National Experts Panels (NEP) for Production and Logistics met to review the 2007 Production Standards and 2008 Logistics Standards, respectively. These industry-recognized, nationally validated standards are the foundation for MSSC's CPT and CLT programs.

The purpose of the NEPs is to review the standards to ensure they are up-to-date with current practice.

The NEP for Production, under the direction of Sandra Everett, met on January 21, 2010. With 41 members representing 15 or the 19 SIC codes for manufacturing, the panel more than adequately represents the manu-

facturing industry.

The NEP for Logistics, under the direction of Bob Nichol, met on February 24, 2010. With 45 members from all aspects of logistics, the panel represents the material handling industry from raw materials producers, to warehouses, to distribution centers, to transporters.

The NEPs make recommendations to the Certification Scheme Committee (CSC) which is made up of members of both NEPs. Chaired by Dr. John Rauschenberger, the CSC is responsible for decisions regarding changes to the MSSC CPT and CLT Standards.

Training Schedules

CPT Instructor Training

April 13-15

May 18-20

June TBD

CPT Instructor Training is currently available at Amatrol in Jeffersonville, IN. If you have six or more instructors to be trained, MSSC will send our Master Trainer to your site for a remote training course.

For more information visit our [website](#) or contact [Ryan Beal](#).

MSSC Proctor Training

Apr 6

May 25

Apr 20

Jun 8

May 11

Jun 22

All times are 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. EST.

MSSC proctor training is provided in “webinar” format by our MSSC-authorized assessment vendor, The Whitener Group.

For more information visit our [website](#) or contact [Ryan Beal](#).

CLT Instructor Training

April 12-13

May 10-11

June 14-15

CLT Instructor Training is currently available at Tarrant County College in TX or Lehigh Career and Technical Institute in PA. Remote training is available if you are training six or more instructors.

For more information visit our [website](#) or contact [Katie Garvas](#).

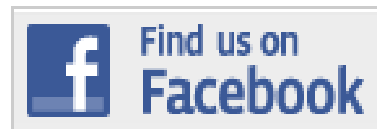
Upcoming Event

What: Indiana MSSC Community Dialogue
When: Thursday, June 17, 2010
 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Where: Indianapolis, IN

The MSSC Community Dialogue is especially designed for human resource directors, educators, workforce development professionals and economic development professionals. If you are interested in learning more about the MSSC skills certification system and how it can be successfully implemented in your place of business or program or if you are already engaged in the MSSC skill certification system, you will not want to miss this event.

This meeting will provide an opportunity to learn more about MSSC and how it is working in Indiana and around the nation. It will feature presentations on “best practices” in MSSC implementation – from building effective private-public sector partnerships to upgrading the skills of current workers and dislocated workers to reducing school drop outs and creating effective career pathways for students interested in manufacturing and logistics careers, and finally, will address funding opportunities.

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