

**Capital Workforce Partners Announces U.S. Department of Labor
\$5.88 Million Federal Trade and Economic Transition Dislocated Worker Grant**

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Capital Workforce Partners is pleased to announce that the U.S. Department of Labor has awarded a \$5.88 million federal grant to upskill workers for jobs in growing industries in the North Central Region of Connecticut.

Alex Johnson, President & CEO of Capital Workforce Partners enthusiastically notes “this grant enables Capital Workforce Partners to support 500 dislocated workers with training and to prepare them for jobs in manufacturing and healthcare and other occupations in demand.” Alex further highlights “this grant was made possible given Capital Workforce Partners longstanding commitment to meeting the needs of regional employers, and job-seekers in partnership with Department of Labor, community agencies, municipalities, and education to close the skills gap.”

Chairman Thomas Mongellow said, “On behalf of the Board of Directors we are excited about this opportunity as it aligns with our goal to serve more job seekers and continue to grow our partnerships with employers in our 37 City/Town Region.”

“As Connecticut’s economy continues to grow, employers are looking for assistance in finding skilled workers to fill jobs in advanced manufacturing, healthcare and related positions,” said State Labor Commissioner Kurt Westby. “Working closely with CWP, the Labor Department is supporting this innovative training program through workshops at or local job centers and employer networks to ensure the maximum number of jobseekers can take advantage of these resources and services. Leveraging this partnership will help to develop and expand the economic health of our state and its workforce.”

The region’s six American Job Centers (AJCs) will provide the gateway for services to those interested in the job training and placement opportunities, while working with a number of community training programs and employers to provide certified training to participants and matching them with the right employers.

The grant will support skills training, career services, job development and support services for workers seeking reemployment opportunities in growth sectors, and particularly those impacted by the shifts in regional workforce needs and economic changes.