Feb. 17 Southwest CT Manufacturing Consortium Meeting Highlights New Apprenticeship Grants

WETHERSFIELD, February 10, 2016 – Apprenticeship training programs, a proven method of maintaining critical skill sets within a company, is also a great way to create career paths for current workers and attract new talent to a business organization.

To help expand apprenticeship programs in the state, the Connecticut Department of Labor offers a variety of financial incentives, including grants and tax credits. These incentives, funded by both state and federal grants, will be outlined on February 17 at the Southwest CT Manufacturing Consortium meeting to be held 1:30 to 3 p.m. at Housatonic Community College, Bridgeport.

Mark Stankiewicz of the Labor Department’s Office of Apprenticeship Training will provide information to employers on the different programs available, including the American Apprenticeship Initiative, the Manufacturer’s Innovation Fund Apprenticeship Grant and the Apprenticeship Subsidized Training and Employment Program (Step Up).

The incentives, now available to manufacturers, IT, Health Care and Business Service firms, are designed to help employers expand their apprenticeship program or develop a new one.

Housatonic Community College is located at 900 Lafayette Boulevard in Bridgeport and the meeting will be held in Beacon Hall Room 125. Admission to the February 17 meeting is free, but pre-registration is requested. Please contact Lori-lynn Chatlos at lorilynn.chatlos@ct.gov to register for the event. Employers unable to attend the presentation but interested in more information about developing an apprenticeship program can contact Mark Stankiewicz at mark.stankiewicz@ct.gov.

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