Eastern CT Workforce Investment Board (EWIB)

Manufacturing Pipeline On the Job Training Program



The Eastern CT Manufacturing Pipeline Initiative (MPI) is a workforce development program created and managed by the Eastern CT Workforce Investment Board (EWIB) in concert with over 30 state and regional stakeholders. The program targets CT residents who are unemployed and underemployed and offers free manufacturing classroom training. The Manufacturing On the Job Training (OJT) Program is designed to help our manufacturing partners find and train the talent they need.

- Hire an MPI training graduate and receive a percentage of their wages reimbursed. The length of the OJT is negotiable and is based on position, skills gap, and funding availability.

  Reimbursement rate is
  - **75% - 50 or fewer employees**
  - **50% - 51+ employees**

- The expectation is that employees hired through the MPI OJT Program will continue employment after the reimbursement period ends.

- Contact the Business Services Team (BST) to discuss your hiring needs. BST can send resumes of trained candidates for consideration or let BST know if a Pipeline graduate has applied to you directly. You interview; you make the hiring decisions; BST writes the contract!

EMPLOYER REQUIREMENTS

- Be registered to conduct business and have operations in CT
- Be in good standing with the payment of taxes with the state Dept. of Labor
- Carry worker's compensation insurance and have no open OSHA violations
- Jobs must be permanent full-time positions of at least 32 hours per week and must be direct hires
- Contract must be in place before new hire starts working

How do I get started?

Contact a Business Services Representative:

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