



"Michigan Employers Hiring at Michigan Works!"

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Training Funds Available to Ottawa County Employers

The Ottawa County Workforce Development Board, operating through the Ottawa County Michigan Works! Agency, is making up to \$10,000 available to Ottawa County employers to train existing incumbent employees in one of three ways: (1) mini grant for customized training at an individual company; (2) off-the-shelf training or tuition programs at area colleges or training institutions, or (3) cooperative training among two or more employers. **The deadline to apply for the funds is February 23, 2007.**

Incumbent Worker training funds are federal dollars targeted to specific employers or industries that are experiencing a decline and have the potential to undergo layoffs, or are experiencing a skills gap that impacts their ability to compete, retain workers, and expand. Companies receiving these funds are required to report and track the progress of employees receiving training through this program to evaluate the effectiveness of these federal funds.

"In order to remain competitive companies need to invest in the upgrading of skills for their current employees. As technology changes and new processes develop, employers are looking for ways to keep their employees' skills up to date. Incumbent Worker training funds provide an excellent opportunity for employers of all sizes to train their existing workers," says Erin Kauth, Program Supervisor, Ottawa County Michigan Works! Agency.

A copy of the application is available on line at www.miottawa.org/michiganworks. Select the Request for Proposal link. Questions regarding the Incumbent Worker training funds should be directed via e-mail to Erin Kauth at ekauth@co.ottawa.mi.us. Michigan Works! is an equal opportunity employer/program. Auxiliary aids and services available upon request to individuals with disabilities. Michigan Relay callers use 711 or 1-800-649-3777 (TTY), then 1-800-285-9675. Unless otherwise noted programs are funded by the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth and brought to you by the Ottawa County Board of Commissioners and the Workforce Development Board.

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