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Northwest Michigan Works Schedules STTF Employer Information Sessions

TRAVERSE CITY, MI – \$30 million dollars in employee training funding will be available to Michigan businesses from the 2018 Skilled Trades Training Fund (STTF). The application period for STTF grants will run from September 18 through October 6, 2017. Prior to the start of the application period, Northwest Michigan Works! is holding Employer Information Sessions to help businesses learn about the STTF. Companies will also learn how to create a solid, competitive proposal, as well as the services and assistance available through Northwest Michigan Works throughout the STTF process.

The dates and locations for the Employer Information Sessions are:

August 23	Cadillac	9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Wexford-Missaukee Career Tech Center 9901 East 13th Street
August 24	Petoskey	1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	North Central Michigan College Library Conference Center 1515 Howard Street
August 28	Kalkaska	3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Northwest Michigan Works! 103 Third St.
August 29	Manistee	10:30 a.m. – Noon	Alliance for Economic Success 395 Third Street

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August 31 Traverse City 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Northwest Michigan Works! 1209 South Garfield Large Conference Room

Businesses planning to attend one of the information sessions should RSVP to: business-services@networksnorthwest.org or 231-922-6920. Please indicate the location of the information session you would like to attend. More information about the STTF is available at: nwm.org/sttf

The STTF began in 2013 to provide funds to companies for short-term, in-demand training and is not limited to "skilled trade" occupations. Training has included welding, CNC operator, CNC programmer, robotics, IT training, electronic health records, and on-the-job training for individuals to be hired.

Northwest Michigan Works!, a program of Networks Northwest, is the region's local workforce development partner serving thousands of job seekers and businesses every year. More information about the services offered by Northwest Michigan Works! is available at: NWMichWorks.org or by calling 800-442-1074.

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Founded in 1974, Networks Northwest facilitates and manages various programs and services for the 10 county region. These programs include Northwest Michigan Works, Small Business Development Center, Procurement Technical Assistance Center, various business services, and many different regional planning initiatives in response to our communities' requests and needs. You will see the broad spectrum of workforce, business and community services Networks Northwest offers if you visit our web site, networksnorthwest.org

Networks Northwest's member counties are: Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Manistee, Missaukee, and Wexford.