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Machining Training Available to Help Workers

Prepare for High-Demand Jobs

Mandatory Orientation Session Thursday, March 21, 2013

Traverse City Michigan Works! Service Center

TRAVERSE CITY, MI—A "Just in Time" training program organized by the Northwest Michigan Council of Governments (NWMCOG) will give people an opportunity to receive training in the fundamentals of machine operation, a technical skill in high demand by local employers. The Basic Machining Training is being offered through Northwestern Michigan College (NMC). A mandatory orientation session for the training will be held Thursday, March 21, at 2:00 p.m. at the Traverse City Michigan Works! Service Center, 1209 South Garfield.

The "Just in Time" training has a value of over \$1500, but if you've been laid off, are unemployed or underemployed, you may be eligible for a full-ride scholarship through Northwest Michigan Works!. Anyone interested in the training can reserve a spot at the mandatory orientation session and see if they're eligible to receive the training at no cost by calling Anita at the Traverse City Michigan Works Service Center, 231-922-3747.

The program will include hands-on and classroom training at the NMC Machine Tool Lab. The training will be held from 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. two evenings a week for seven weeks beginning April 22.

Manufacturing employers in the Northern Michigan region are seeking to hire entry level machinists for positions that range from \$10 - \$12 per hour. Most manufacturing employers also provide health and retirement benefits. The Basic Machining Training will prepare workers to obtain these jobs and give participants a start down the career path to becoming CNC machinists with opportunities to earn \$15 - \$25 per hour.

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"Just in Time" training is a newer, flexible training package offered through Northwest Michigan Works! The program offers short-term, intensive occupational training opportunities to unemployed and underemployed adults. Each "Just in Time" training session is designed to meet the immediate hiring needs of local employers; the curriculum is uniquely targeted to teach the most in-demand skills.

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