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## **Job Training Funds Available for the Long Term Unemployed *Orientation Session March 21 in Manistee***

MANISTEE, MI –A special limited time program can help pay the job training costs for northern Michigan residents who have been out of work for an extended period of time. On-the-Job Training for the Long Term Unemployed is being offered by Northwest Michigan Works!, a program of the Northwest Michigan Council of Governments (NWMCOG). An informational orientation session about the On-the-Job Training program will be held March 21 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Manistee Michigan Works! Service Center located at 1660 US 31 South.

On-the-Job Training teaches job-specific skills under the close supervision and guidance of a business. The trainee is hired for a permanent position, and learns while performing the job duties. The employer is reimbursed a portion of the worker's wages during the training period. "It's a win-win for the business and the job seeker," said Janie McNabb, director of program development at NWMCOG.

Individuals who were laid off from their previous job and have been unemployed for 16 weeks or more in the last two years might qualify for the program. Northwest Michigan Works! conducts screening and assessment for the program.

The orientation session will provide an overview of the program and include pre-screening interviews. Those who are interested should pre-register by calling Emily at the Northwest Michigan Council of Governments, 800-692-7774. Those who attend the sessions should bring a current copy of their résumé and dress for an interview.

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Employers who are interested in the program should call their local Northwest Michigan Works! Business Liaison. Visit [nwm.org/business-liaisons](http://nwm.org/business-liaisons) for a list of contacts.

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