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Pikes Peak Workforce Center offers Employee Development Training Grants to employers in El Paso and Teller counties

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Dec. 12, 2019 – The Pikes Peak Workforce Center has \$111,000 in Employee Development Training Grants to award to companies who want to train their current employees.

Funded by the federal Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act, the grants must be used to provide training to employees to retain a skilled workforce or avert the need for layoffs.

Preference is given to in-demand industries, such as information technology and cyber security, manufacturing, health care, hospitality and tourism – and to employers whose training leads to pay increases and/or expansion of duties for employees.

Options for training include a variety of work-based or classroom training for current employees that will increase the competitiveness of both employee and employer. Employers are able to choose the training that will best meet the needs of their company and their employees.

Past examples of training include:

- Multi-industry systems technician (MIST) programming
- Lean manufacturing
- Six Sigma
- Total productive maintenance (TPM)
- Advanced programmable logic controllers (PLCs)
- Value stream mapping
- Customized ISO
- Rapid cycle product innovation
- AC/DC electricity
- Electrical schematics
- Motors and controls
- Advanced hydraulic
- Soft skills training, including focus on communication, teamwork, conflict resolution, strategic planning, critical thinking and problem solving

“This is an incredible opportunity for employers,” said Becca Tonn, PPWFC communications manager. “We hope numerous businesses will apply and receive funding to train their employees and improve their ability to compete in the marketplace.”

The deadline for employers to apply is Friday, Jan. 24, 2020.

Applications will be reviewed and grantees chosen by Friday, Feb. 7, 2020.

Employers may attend either of two information sessions about how to apply on Friday, January 10, and Friday, January 17, 2020 at the Pikes Peak Workforce Center.

All training for employees must be completed by Friday, May 29, 2020.

For more information or to view the application, visit <https://ppwfc.org/grants-for-worker-training/>

ABOUT PIKES PEAK WORKFORCE CENTER

The Pikes Peak Workforce Center is an American Job Center serving El Paso and Teller counties that connects vital businesses with work-ready job seekers and employer-driven services. We provide no-cost job seeker services from resume assistance and interview training to computer skills and more. Clients range from entry-level to professional; include youth, adults, people returning to the workforce, and those with barriers to employment. Veterans always receive priority service. In support of regional businesses, we host tailored, no-cost recruitment and hiring events including candidate sourcing, group and individual pre-employment assessments, provide a job database of searchable candidate profiles and more. Learn more at ppwfc.org.

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