

# Community-Based Job Training Grants

## *Blue Mountain Community College*

**Grantee:** Blue Mountain Community College

**Industry Focus:** Transportation

**Key Partners:** Western States Equipment Company (CAT), Cummins Northwest, NWB Truck Sales, Woodpecker Truck, Region 12 and Region 13 Workforce Investment Boards, Community Action Program of East Central Oregon (CAPECO), Training and Employment Consortium (TEC), Umatilla-Morrow Education Service District (U-MESD), and the Education and Training Committee of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian

**Grant Amount:** \$1,220,423

**Leveraged Amount:** \$521,048

**Location of Grant Activities:** Oregon

**Challenge:** Blue Mountain Community College (BMCC) faces significant capacity challenges in positioning itself to meet the region's need for skilled diesel technicians. One of BMCC's top institutional priorities involves expanding its capacity to deliver training and educational opportunity to communities throughout its 18,000-square-mile service area.

**Addressing the Challenge:** This project will establish a Diesel Technology Training Program offering a two-year associate of applied science degree; certificates in welding and commercial driver's licenses; customized training for business and industry; and K-12 outreach to integrate and align career pathways-based curriculum and to introduce students to diesel technology career options. The project will have three phases: start-up planning and preparation (9 months); first-year program implementation (12 months); and full-scale program implementation (15 months). To build program capacity and meet the needs of nontraditional, place-bound students and of local employers; BMCC will maintain a robust outreach campaign and will explore the feasibility of incorporating distance learning strategies into the program.

**Projected Outcomes:**

- 753 individuals will benefit over three years, including degree-seeking students, certification trainees, incumbent workers, dislocated workers, and K-12 youth exploring career options
- Develop the Diesel Technology Training degree program

