

Community-Based Job Training Grants

Eastern Iowa Community College District

Grantee: Eastern Iowa Community College District (EICCD)

Industry Focus: Advanced Manufacturing, Construction, Healthcare, Retail, and Transportation

Key Partners: Black Hawk College (BHC), the Quad Cities Logistics Roundtable representing more than 20 companies, Olympic Steel, Guardian, Jacobsen Co., Tan Tara Transportation, Sears Manufacturing, Bettendorf Chamber of Commerce, Iowa Department of Economic Development, 22 Iowa K-12 School Districts represented by the Area Education Agency (AEA), nine K-12 Illinois School Districts represented by the Area Career Center, Eastern Iowa Job Training Program, and Partners in Job Training and Placement

Grant Amount: \$1,564,012

Leveraged Amount: \$780,249

Location of Grant Activities: Iowa

Challenge: While logistics was developed by and is vital to the transportation/ warehousing industry, the skill sets encompassed by the field are seen as increasingly essential in many other industries, including: advanced manufacturing, healthcare, food processing, wholesale/retail trade, and office services.

The specific industries identified above and targeted for logistics training employ 45 percent of the Quad City area's available workforce. There is a substantial local need for employees across a variety of industries with the skill sets that logistics training offers. A recent survey conducted by EICCD and BHC of local employers documented a need for over 2,100 employees with logistics skills within the next five years. The four major cities that form the core of the Quad City Metropolitan Statistical Area are Davenport and Bettendorf, Iowa, and Rock Island and Moline, Illinois.

Addressing the Challenge: This project will build an innovative and collaborative ladder/lattice logistics training program, with a focus on providing flexible and individualized learning opportunities, a robust outreach and career awareness strategy and a comprehensive tracking system to monitor outcomes. This system integrates capacity building and the provision of direct training.

Projected Outcomes:

- 934 individuals will participate in training activities
- Develop and implement an 8-week articulated Career Academy for high school and adult students
- Develop customized logistics training programs based on industry demand
- Create a credit program in logistics and an articulated certified supply chain professional certificate program at EICCD; and a credit program in warehousing and distribution as well as an articulated certified production and inventory management certificate program at BHC
- Develop a dynamic website to include video interviews, virtual plant tours, links to local job opportunities as well as links to enroll into programs

