

# Community-Based Job Training Grants

## *Moultrie Technical College*

**Grantee:** Moultrie Technical College

**Industry Focus:** Advanced Manufacturing and Healthcare

**Key Partners:** Tift Regional Medical Center; Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College; Colquitt County Board of Education; Tift County Board of Education; Turner County Board of Education; Worth County Board of Education; Beulah Hill Baptist Church; Georgia Department of Economic Development; South Georgia Workforce Investment Board; Heatcraft Refrigeration Products; Valdosta Technical College; Colquitt County Chamber of Commerce; Tift Chamber of Commerce; Turner Chamber of Commerce; Worth County Chamber of Commerce; and Communities in Schools of Colquitt County.

**Grant Amount:** \$1,756,677

**Leveraged Amount:** \$1,901,863

**Location of Grant Activities:** South Central Georgia

**Challenge:** The four county-area in south central Georgia (Colquitt, Tift, Turner, and Worth) has had consistently high unemployment and the residents face a number of employment barriers. Advanced manufacturing and healthcare employers have reported the need for soft skills training, on-site technical skills training, and cross-training for current and new employees.

**Addressing the Challenge:** The South Georgia Community-Based Job Training Consortium plans to use Moultrie Technical College's existing Remote Automated Management Program (RAMP) to provide training to current workers, dislocated workers, high school students and disadvantaged African-American youth in four counties. The consortium plans to establish seven RAMP systems on-site at high schools in each county; at the Heatcraft Refrigeration Products manufacturing plant in Tifton; at the Tift Regional Medical Center; and at the Tifton One-Stop Center. Moultrie Technical College will provide soft skills training, diplomas or certificates in advanced manufacturing and healthcare, and provide a coordinated system for the region's workforce and its educators.

**Projected Outcomes:**

- 750 participants will be served by the program.
- 87 percent of the total number of participants will enter employment.
- 90 percent of participants that entered employment will be retained.
- Average yearly earnings of \$31,000 for the participants entering job-related employment.

