

Community-Based Job Training Grants

Polk State College



Grantee: Polk State College

Project Title: The Engineering Technology and Advanced Manufacturing (ETAM) Project

Location of Grant Activities: Consortium serving Gadsden, Leon, Manatee, Polk, Sarasota, and Wakulla Counties in Florida

Amount of Grant: \$2,911,597

Key Industry: Advanced Manufacturing

Key Partnerships: Tallahassee Community College, State College of Florida Manatee/Sarasota, Polk Works Workforce Investment Board, SunCoast Workforce Investment Board, Workforce Plus Workforce Investment Board, Florida's Natural Growers, Mosaic, Coca Cola, QMI, Polk County Manufacturers Association, Capitol Region Manufacturers Association, Sarasota Manatee Manufacturers Association (SAMA), and Employ Florida Banner Center for Manufacturing

Populations to be served: Unemployed, dislocated, and incumbent workers

Project Description: This project builds workforce development solutions that can be deployed in both the education and training environments. Existing curriculum is adapted and additional curriculum will be developed to create ten modular instructional resources to provide customized incumbent worker training and entry-level training for unemployed or dislocated workers. Content will be deployed face-to-face or remotely using technology-based learning, while industry experts are hired as training instructors to ensure coursework delivery is current and relevant. Educational modules are aligned with courses in the Engineering Technology degree program and formatted for a traditional academic classroom or by a corporate college for customized incumbent worker training and entry-level and underemployed workforce training.

Project Outcomes:

- Total participants served: 782
- Total number of participants beginning education/training activities: 782
- Total number of participants completing education/training activities: 672
- Total number of participants who complete education/training activities that receive a credential: 672
- Total number of participants who enter employment: 229
- Total number of participants who enter training-related employment: 200
- Total number of participants who retain employment: 160

