

Community-Based Job Training Grants

Vincennes University



Grantee: Vincennes University

Project Title: Indiana Heavy Equipment Operator Training Initiative

Location of Grant Activities: Dubois, Gibson, Knox, Perry, Pike, Posey, Spencer, Vanderburgh, and Warrick Counties, Indiana

Amount of Grant: \$1,046,571

Key Industry: Construction trades

Key Partnerships: Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC), Grow Southwest Indiana Economic Growth Region 11, Indiana Coal Council, Indiana Department of Labor Bureau of Mines, Indiana Mineral Aggregates Association, Indiana Department of Transportation

Populations to be served: Incumbent, displaced, unemployed, and new workers

Project Description: A first-time Community-Based Job Training grantee, Vincennes University's Indiana Heavy Equipment Operator Training Initiative provides hybrid heavy equipment operator training and education in the fields of construction trades, diesel operator engineering, heavy tractor/trailer operating, material moving/extraction, and mining (both surface and underground). Following an extensive recruitment process, participants are trained at Vincennes University's campus utilizing the Mining Simulation Equipment that provides real-world simulation on heavy equipment.

Project Outcomes:

- Total participants served: 1,600
- Total number of participants beginning education/training activities: 1,400
- Total number of participants completing education/training activities: 1,300
- Total number of participants who complete education/training activities that receive a credential: 1,300
- Total number of participants who enter employment: 500
- Total number of participants who enter training-related employment: 200
- Total number of participants who retain employment: 400

