

Community-Based Job Training Grants

Barton County Community College

Grantee: Barton County Community College

Industry Focus: Advanced Manufacturing and Construction Trades

Key Partners: North Central Kansas Technical College; Hutchinson Community College; Beloit Juvenile Correctional Facility; Ellsworth Correctional Facility; Hutchinson South Correctional Facility; Stockton Correctional Facility; Larned Juvenile Correctional Facility; Hutchinson Correctional Central Facility; Larned Correctional Mental Health Facility; and the Local Workforce Investment Boards and One Stops (Areas I-V).

Grant Amount: \$2,000,000

Leveraged Amount: \$2,058,350

Location of Grant Activities: North Central Kansas

Challenge: Advanced manufacturing comprises 17% of jobs in Kansas and 21% of the total state payroll and is expected to increase by 12.3% from 2004 to 2014. However, manufacturing openings through 2014 are expected to surpass 49,500 positions due to turnover and retirement. Similarly, construction trades make up 5.9% of the employees in Kansas. Due to turnover and retirement, and an expected gain of 4,500 new employees, there is a projected need for 16,000 new construction positions. These shortages will significantly affect the Kansas economy.

Addressing the Challenge: By using its key partners of area correctional facilities and the local area workforce investment boards (WIBs) and one stops, Barton County Community College will implement a plan to reach out, retrain and provide re-entry for high risk workers. This plan has two goals: 1) to increase the capacity of their partner colleges to provide advanced manufacturing and construction/skilled trades workforce training in Kansas; and 2) to provide certificate-bearing training programs to 250 probationers in the community corrections system and incarcerated people in eight target correctional facilities. These goals will be met by: increasing the number of trades programs at correctional facilities; increasing trained instructors; increasing delivery of training systems; and developing an increased capacity for tracking participant and programmatic data.

Projected Outcomes:

- 250 participants will be served with education and training activities.
- 200 participants will complete education training activities; 175 of whom will receive a degree or certificate; 125 of whom will enter employment; and 100 of whom will enter training-related employment.
- 25 instructors will participate in capacity building activities.

