

Community-Based Job Training Grants

East Central Community College



Grantee: East Central Community College

Project Title: Connecting College with Your Community

Location of Grant Activities: Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott, and Winston counties located in rural Mississippi

Amount of Grant: \$1,778,702

Key Industries: Advanced Manufacturing and Healthcare, Information Technology

Key Partnerships: District Workforce Development Council, Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, Neshoba County Community Development Partnership, Twin Districts Local Workforce Investment Board (LWIB) and the Workforce Investment Network (WIN) One-Stop Center, and Winston County Industrial Development Authority

Populations to be served: Unemployed, dislocated, and incumbent workers including veterans, high school dropouts, Native Americans, and individuals with disabilities

Project Description: East Central Community College is a new Community-Based Job Training grantee. The College's "Connecting College with Your Community" distance learning project provides unemployed, dislocated, and incumbent workers in rural Mississippi with quality workforce training with stackable, portable regionally- and nationally-recognized certifications and credentials that lead to good jobs in high-demand, high-growth industries. The synchronous, real-time interactive video-and-voice conferencing technology removes geographic and technological barriers, making it possible for a diverse population of worker/learners throughout the targeted five-county district to participate in workforce training that is convenient, affordable, and easily accessible.

Project Outcomes:

- Total participants served: 1,625
- Total number of participants beginning education/training activities: 1,625
- Total number of participants completing education/training activities: 1,545
- Total number of participants who complete education/training activities that receive a credential: 1,545
- Total number of participants who enter employment: 698
- Total number of participants who retain employment: 558

