



Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity

JB Pritzker, Governor

Manufacturing Training Academies Program Application NOFO: 2361-4221

This Notice of Funding Opportunity also requires the submission of this program application. Answers should incorporate evidence as appropriate. Applicants may cross reference responses to other questions or other submitted documents as appropriate.

Please check the Box indicating if the project is a Tier 1 or Tier 2

1. Provide a brief summary of your project.

2. Describe the scope of the district's current manufacturing workforce skills training programs and recent experience including, at a minimum: 1) facilities, equipment, and programming provided; 2) the extent and nature of industry and other partnerships in the region for manufacturing workforce training; 3) recent metrics on manufacturing workforce training enrollment, certifications, and instruction.

3. Describe the scope of work for the capital construction project, including a description of all components of the project.

4. Describe the project team's experience successfully managing state capital grants of this nature.

5. Specify the project timeline, including intermediate milestones as appropriate.

6. Describe planned workforce training programming at the facility, including a summary of the curriculum, anticipated enrollment, faculty and staff requirements, and other relevant details.

7. Describe your team's experience and expertise in developing manufacturing workforce training curricula, with an eye towards taking full advantage of the proposed facility improvements.

8. Describe how new programming at the facility will fill a gap in manufacturing workforce training needs impacting priority industries in the region, and demonstrate that the project is needed to enable the training. Include an explanation of how training will align with the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) 2024-20028 Workforce Development Strategic Plan and any applicable regional/local WIOA plans.

9. Describe and document that students will gain marketable skills valued by regional employers.

10. Describe extent of planned industry and other partnerships in the region supporting the Manufacturing Training Academy, including curricular support and advisement from employers, customized job training and apprenticeships, private-sector commitment for funding and in-kind contributions, partnerships with K-12 schools, and collaboration with Local Workforce Innovation Boards. Describe how these partnerships will assist in tailoring workforce training programming at the facility.

11. Document your ability to assemble qualified instructors knowledgeable about modern manufacturing operations. Identify specific instructors if known.

12. Describe your plan for outreach and recruitment of students for manufacturing training programs. Include details on recruitment and outreach to under-served demographics.

13. Describe your program evaluation plans, including establishment of meaningful metrics to gauge program success and guide program improvement.

14. Provide evidence supporting accuracy and reasonableness of the project budget as reflected in budget template. This can include contractor bids, experience with similar projects, etc.

15. Provide a list of the individuals providing letters of support , noting their affiliations as appropriate. (Please upload and attach letters separately with application documents)

This is the last page of the application. Thank You