

City of Cleveland/Cuyahoga County Workforce Investment Board



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Cleveland/Cuyahoga Workforce Investment Board wins funds, trains workers and creates collaborations for manufacturing success in Northeast Ohio.

*Training and collaboration aimed at meeting the needs of high growth and demand
occupations within the regional manufacturing industry.*

CLEVELAND – March 4, 2008 – The Cleveland/Cuyahoga Workforce Investment Board (WIB) has been working to address the shortage of skilled manufacturing labor by offering advanced manufacturing training to both current and new workers.

Since 2004, manufacturing has been identified and formally recognized as a demand industry by the Cleveland/Cuyahoga Workforce Investment Board. In fact, over the last 2 years, the WIB, through the public workforce system, Employment Connection, has invested approximately 2 million dollars in manufacturing training. During this time, approximately 500 individuals have received manufacturing-related training, including but not limited to: truck driving, CNC operation, precision machining and welding.

The WIB, recognizing the strategic importance of bringing new resources to the community, has successfully obtained the forth-largest grant in the nation, in the amount of \$2,289,449 from the U.S. Department of Labor; the purpose of this grant, entitled Manufacturing Access to Growth and Innovation in Cuyahoga County & Northeast Ohio (MAGICC-NEO), is to provide training for 150 new workers and 300 incumbent workers as well as expose 75 high school students to careers in the area of advanced manufacturing.

Finally, the WIB has been diligently working with its community partners on these important manufacturing initiatives. These partners include Cuyahoga Community College, Cleveland Metropolitan School District, Tooling University, Westside Industrial Retention and Expansion Network (WIRE-Net), Manufacturing Advocacy & Growth Network (MAGNET), Cobalt Group, Workforce and Economic Development Departments across Northeast Ohio as well as employers.

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