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Fox Valley Workforce Development Board Ready to Change the Lives of 9 Local Residents with Free Apprenticeship Training

As part of its commitment to training people for the jobs our region needs to fill, the Fox Valley Workforce Development Board (FVWDB) is offering the opportunity to train up to nine (9) individuals -- absolutely free -- to become a Certified Pre-Apprentice. This incredibly valuable training will be the ticket to opening the door to a lifelong career in the lucrative manufacturing sector.

The FVWDB, based in Neenah, and serving the counties of Calumet, Fond du Lac, Green Lake, Waupaca, Waushara and Winnebago, has received a grant to launch a cohort training program which will certify nine (9) individuals to become Industrial Manufacturing Technician Certified Pre-Apprentices. The program has been developed in coordination with the FVWDB, DWD Bureau of Apprenticeship Standards, Fox Valley Technical College, and several local employers. Residents of Outagamie County are also encouraged to apply.

The program includes four weeks of targeted training at Fox Valley Technical College in Appleton during the month of September and successful trainees will be offered interviews with

local partner companies. The classes will be day long, typically 8am – 5 pm each weekday, making this training best suited to someone working part-time or is currently unemployed.

“Apprenticeships are a great career opportunity and this training will open doors to employment with local companies that also support higher level Registered Apprenticeship (RA) training,” said Bobbi Miller, Manager of Business Solutions. “The RA model is a wonderful option for someone looking to advance a career. RA programs offer on-the-job training supported by company paid training when an apprentice is attending class at a local technical college. Successful apprentices are awarded journey-worker status which is an industry recognized credential. But truly, both employees and employers benefit from apprenticeship since employers have access to these workers throughout the training.”

Although a job offer is not guaranteed, those who complete this four-week training will be able to interview with several local employers that are partnering on this project. Entry rates of pay for these jobs will be \$13-16 per hour and companies also offer benefits and career advancement opportunities. Applications are being accepted until August 26, 2019, from anyone age 18 and over. For those who qualify, additional support grants may be available for mileage reimbursement and childcare. Ideally, we are seeking individuals with an interest in a manufacturing career, but with limited experience in such a role. A great opportunity for a recent high school graduate who may be undecided about their next steps but is interested in manufacturing as a career.

For more information and a free application, call or text Bobbi Miller at 920-470-0837, or email bmiller@fvwdb.com.

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Fox Valley Workforce Development Board (FVWDB) is a not-for-profit working to build a world-class workforce in northeast Wisconsin. Serving six counties — Calumet, Green Lake, Fond du Lac, Waupaca, Waushara and Winnebago — FVWDB collaborates with a number of state and local agencies to help job seekers gain the skills needed to find employment, and to help businesses find the highly skilled workers they need.

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