

Dept. of Workforce Development: Sec. Allen announces almost \$440,000 in Wisconsin Fast Forward Grants

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MADISON – Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Secretary Ray Allen today announced nearly \$440,000 for five Wisconsin Fast Forward (WFF) contracted worker training grant awards, benefitting up to 293 trainees and over a dozen employers in the health care, manufacturing, small business and transportation industries.

“Governor Walker’s Wisconsin Fast Forward grant program is delivering in-demand skills training to hundreds of current and unemployed workers across the state through these five grant awards, underscoring the program’s continuing value to our state’s workforce and economy,” Secretary Allen said. “Employers in manufacturing, transportation and health care, along with a small business, will benefit in the form of highly trained workers who help their businesses thrive.”

Wisconsin has invested over \$200 million over the past four years and \$140 million in current biennial budget to support workforce development under Governor Walker’s vision and leadership, including additional support for the WFF program.

WFF grants reimburse Wisconsin employers for customized training programs that provide workers with the practical job skills needed to succeed in the 21st century workforce. Details about the five contracted grant awards, which were applied for during the fourth quarter of 2017, are available [online](#).

DWD opened two ongoing WFF Grant Program Announcements (GPAs) benefitting All Sectors and Small Business Occupations last July. The changes reflect recent program enhancements to better address the training needs of Wisconsin businesses from a variety of industries and sectors, as well as support greater collaboration among employers to develop training projects in real time, rather than having wait for a grant cycle to open.

Learn more about current WFF grant opportunities and awarded projects at: <http://www.wisconsinfastforward.com/>