

# Rep. Nygren: Marinette Marine workforce training grant passes budget committee

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Madison–State Representative John Nygren (R-Marinette), Co-Chair of the Joint Committee on Finance released the following statement:

“Yesterday, the Joint Committee on Finance approved \$2 million in workforce training grants for Marinette Marine. I am proud to have helped shepherd this important investment through the budget-writing committee.”

In January, Rep. Nygren invited Governor Evers to visit Marinette Marine. Less than ten days later, Governor Evers accepted the invite and announced his commitment to support Rep. Nygren’s plan to invest in Marinette Marine. This investment will help Marinette Marine continue to compete on the world stage for years to come.

“With over 160 suppliers around the state, an employment impact of over 5,400 jobs, and a \$4.4 billion economic impact in northeastern Wisconsin alone, it’s clear how much Marinette Marine means to Wisconsin, and speaks to how much Wisconsin will lose if Marinette Marine falls behind.”

“This action, in collaboration with the additional action we took today, sends a clear message that workforce development is a priority for Republicans in the legislature. In addition to the assistance for Marinette Marine, Republicans voted to invest over \$12 million in worker training programs to help prepare the workforce for the jobs of tomorrow. Additionally, Republicans increased funding for the Wisconsin Technical College System by \$25 million. This will help Technical Colleges across the state develop and expand innovative programs to meet regional workforce needs.”

- The increased investments in worker training programs include an additional:
- \$6M for Career and Technical Education Grants to help high school students receive industry credentials.
- \$5.46 for the Youth Apprenticeship Program to connect high school students with employers to gain on-the-job training.
- \$1M for Technical Education Equipment Grants to help schools upgrade technical education equipment.