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**Wisconsin Fast Forward- Manufacturing 2017  
 Workforce Development for Manufacturing and Related Occupations**

**Contracted Grant Projects (GPA # FF164ML1)**

GPA#	Sector	Number of Contracted Grants	Total Amount Contracted	Estimate of Business Served	Estimate of Trainees Served
FF164ML1	Manufacturing	16	\$1,635,350.58	43	1,283

**Grantee Contract Summaries**

DWD issued **Gehl Foods, LLC** a grant contract up to \$400,000 to train as many as 32 new hires and 56 incumbent employees on the use of new equipment to expand their business and work with private specialized food brand packaging and labels. They will recruit 12 leadership positions from their trainee group.

DWD issued **Bemis Healthcare Packaging, LLC** a grant contract up to \$313,476.20 to train as many as 10 new hires and 67 incumbent workers on mechanical and machine operating training in partnership with Fox Valley Technical College.

DWD issued **Wisconsin Regional Training Partnership, Inc.** a grant contract up to \$185,862 to join with five employers to train as many as 45 incumbent workers on Industrial Manufacturing Technician skills. The training project will be conducted in partnership with Gateway, Lakeshore, Milwaukee Area and Waukesha Area Technical Colleges. Employers include Birds Eye-Pinnacle Foods, Hayes Performance Systems, Saco AEI Polymers, Weldall Fabrication Company and Wrought Washer Mfg., Inc.

DWD issued **Kenall Manufacturing** a grant contract up to \$122,260 to train 76 new hires and 56 incumbent employees in metal fabrication, new surface mount technology and plastic and paint extrusions. Training will be provided in partnership with Gateway Technical College.

DWD issued **Bay Area Workforce Development Board** a grant contract up to \$110,954 in partnership with the NEW Manufacturing Alliance and Northeast Wisconsin Technical College to train as many as 74 incumbent workers in machine operator training. Business Partners include Unlimited Services, Tufco, Titledown Manufacturing, Services Plus, Inc., Sargento Foods Inc., Precision Paper Converters, N.E.W. Plastics Corp., Nercon Engineering & Manufacturing, Inc., Nature's Way Brands, LLC, Miller Electric Mfg., Co., Metals Engineering, Kohler Co., Johnsonville Sausage, LLC, Hartland Label Printers, LLC, Georgia Pacific, EMT International, Bemis North America and A to Z Machine Company, Inc.

DWD issued **Alcami Wisconsin Corporation** a grant contract up to \$98,617 to train up to 240 workers, including 190 incumbent employees and 50 new hires, in technical and leadership skills to improve product quality, production, customer service and the integrity and safety of the company. This training will enhance the "Alcami Way" across all sectors of the company from Human Resources to Chemists. Training providers include CNR solutions and Milwaukee Area Technical College.

DWD issued **Bay Area Workforce Development Board** a second grant contract up to \$95,366 to join with two employers to train as many as 156 incumbent workers on shipfitting fabrication and marine wiring. Employers include Fincantieri Bay Shipbuilding and Fincantieri Marinette Marine, which are members of the North Coast Marine Manufacturing Alliance.

DWD issued **Teel Plastics, Inc.** a grant contract up to \$59,042 to train as many as three unemployed trainees, 15 new hires and 150 incumbent workers in partnership with Madison College on Lean and Continuous Improvement processes.

DWD issued **Kolbe & Kolbe Millwork Co., Inc.** a grant contract up to \$52,770 to train as many as 140 incumbent workers in customer service and leadership in a manufacturing environment. Training will be provided by Northcentral Technical College.

DWD issued **Weinbrenner USA** a grant contract up to \$46,237 in partnership with Northcentral Technical College to train as many as 36 incumbent workers on a new automated cutter operation, industry skills, organizational culture and accelerated supervision.

DWD issued **Midwest Prototyping, LLC** a grant contract up to \$42,892 to implement a customized five-phase training program to support advanced, industry-specific software and quick response manufacturing capacity that will meet training needs and continue to grow the company. A total of 28 incumbent workers will be trained in partnership with Materialise, 3D Systems, Wisconsin Manufacturing Extension Partnership and the University of Wisconsin-Madison - Center for Quick Response.

DWD issued **Abaxent LLC** a grant contract up to \$26,920 to train as many as eight new hires in partnership with Metal ERA on manufacturing operations, including press operations, forklift, safety, measurements, material handling, packaging and product training.

DWD issued **Workforce Resource Inc.** a grant contract up to \$25,120 to train as many as 23 new hires and 15 incumbent workers on manufacturing skills training. Training will be provided by Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College. Business partners include Active Dogs, Barron County Cheese, Comstock Creamery, Rice Lake Weighing Systems and Rockwell Automation.

DWD issued **Teel Plastics, Inc.** a second grant contract up to \$22,950 to train as many as five new hires and 35 incumbent workers on injection molding operation, which is new to the company. The training will be provided by Arburg, Inc.

DWD issued **Catalyst Paper Operations Inc.** a grant contract up to \$22,191 to provide five incumbent workers with customized welding training for Millwrights and Pipefitters. Trainees will learn enhanced structural steel application skills and will obtain state and industry certifications. The training will be provided by K & M Welding in Wisconsin Rapids.

DWD issued **Workforce Connections, Inc.** a grant contract up to \$10,693.38 to provide electrical controls training to eight incumbent workers to upgrade their skills to electronic engineer technician status. This project is a partnership with Walker Engineered Products (a division of Wabash) and Western Technical College.