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DWD Announces Recipients of the Advanced Manufacturing Technical Education Equipment Grant

Grants will provide equipment to help support Career and Technical Education programs in Wisconsin school districts

MADISON – The Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD) has awarded 16 Advanced Manufacturing Technical Education Equipment grants to Wisconsin school districts to fund the acquisition of technical education equipment to prepare students for careers in advanced manufacturing.

DWD awarded a total of \$500,000, which will ultimately impact 57 school districts and at least 3,850 students across Wisconsin.

The grants are intended to address Wisconsin's skilled worker shortage by increasing the number of high school students trained in advanced manufacturing fields, to accelerate student entry into the workforce and to prepare students for stable careers and success in a modern, global and competitive economy.

"At DWD, we strongly believe in a sound workforce investment strategy that includes advocating for careers in manufacturing, one of Wisconsin's strongest economic sectors," said DWD Secretary Caleb Frostman. "The equipment purchased from these grants, and students' interaction with it, will encourage consideration of and planning for careers in manufacturing."

Grants will reimburse school districts for the purchase and installation of equipment for vocational training and technical education in advanced manufacturing, including costs for equipment operational software, instructional materials and minor facility modifications to accommodate the equipment.

Grants were awarded to the following schools:

Waupaca High School – DWD issued a grant of \$19,871.77.

- Equipment includes: 3-Axis CNC mill, CNC lathe, three 2-axis mills, related collets, chucks, vises and inspection equipment, textbooks and installation

Luxemburg-Casco School District – DWD issued a grant of \$50,000.

- Equipment includes: CNC lathe, CNC vertical mill, ironworker and an air compressor

Stevens Point Area Public School District – DWD issued a grant of \$45,500.

- Equipment includes: 3-Axis CNC mill

Waterford Union High School – DWD issued a grant of \$50,000.

- Equipment includes: nine GMAW welders and a grinding table

Holmen School District – DWD issued a grant of \$36,345.16.

- Equipment includes: CNC mill, six CNC simulators, 6-axis robotic arm with 25 online training seats and a CNC wood router

Wisconsin Heights School District – DWD issued a grant of \$43,326.

- Equipment includes: four multi-function welders, CNC plasma cutting system, pneumatic plate marking tool and unlimited student software licenses

Kickapoo Area School District – DWD issued a grant of \$25,000.

- Equipment includes: CNC plasma cutting table, welding table and fixture kits

Coleman High School – DWD issued a grant of \$30,400.

- Equipment includes: laser engraver

Brown Deer School District – DWD issued a grant of \$19,200.50.

- Equipment includes: welding booth, MIG welder, two 6" verti-lock machine vises, two 3-axis precision tilting vises, two T-slot clamping kits and a variety of cutting, threading and precision measuring tools

Delavan-Darien School District – DWD issued a grant of \$15,644.56.

- Equipment includes: three metal precision CNC lathes with digital readout systems

Antigo Unified School District – DWD issued a grant of \$35,150.

- Equipment includes: 20 CNC simulators

Kenosha Unified School District – DWD issued a grant of \$33,000.

- Equipment includes: three sets of equipment (robotic arm, smart factory, barcode reader, PLC troubleshooter) for instruction of "Industry 4.0" four-course series

Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah High School – DWD issued a grant of \$18,343.66.

- Equipment includes: plasma cutter table, 3D printer and 3D printer education package

Northern Ozaukee School District – DWD issued a grant of \$31,365.

- Equipment includes: CNC horizontal lathe, four CNC milling machines, two welders and a CNC plasma cutter/router

Stockbridge School District – DWD issued a grant of \$7,500.

- Equipment includes: CNC mill/lathe

Belmont School District – DWD issued a grant of \$39,353.35.

- Equipment includes: two mobile AC/DC training systems and two mobile automation training systems

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