

ILLINOIS EMPLOYER TRAINING INVESTMENT PROGRAM

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

The Employer Training Investment Program (ETIP) supports Illinois workers' efforts to upgrade their skills in order to remain current in new technologies and business practices, enabling companies to remain competitive, expand into new markets and introduce more efficient technologies into their operations. ETIP grants may reimburse Illinois companies for up to 50 percent of the cost of training their employees. Grants may be awarded to individual businesses, intermediary organizations operating multi-company training projects and original equipment manufacturers sponsoring multi-company training projects for employees of their Illinois supplier companies.

Employer Training Investment Program / Competitive Component

Illinois companies that are retraining/upgrading the skills of their existing workforce may be eligible for ETIP grants. Grants may be awarded to individual companies, as well as to intermediary organizations offering training to meet the common training needs of multiple companies.

Single Company Training Grants

Individual companies undertaking customized on-site training programs may apply for an ETIP grant if they are: expanding the business enterprise in Illinois, expanding into new markets, introducing more efficient technologies/continuous improvement systems, expanding exports from Illinois, and providing additional training to employees who will be threatened with layoff.

Multi Company Training Grants

Intermediary organizations may apply for grant funds on behalf of the companies participating in the project. This organization conducts or sponsors the employee training programs. The intermediary organization coordinated all grant administrative and training evaluation reporting functions on behalf of

the companies in the project. Eligible applications include Illinois-based business and industry associations, institutions of higher education, large manufacturers for supplier network companies, strategic business partnerships, and labor organizations.

Employer Training Investment Program / Incentive Component

The ETIP Incentive Program is designed for Illinois businesses applying for training funds as part of an ILDCEO Business Development Project to which the company is operating or locating in Illinois in conjunction with planned permanent expansion, location or retention activities.

The St. Louis Regional Chamber & Growth Association (RCGA) is the chamber of commerce and economic development organization for Greater St. Louis, which includes 16 counties in Missouri and Illinois. RCGA markets the St. Louis region nationally and internationally to attract targeted industries to the area. It further spurs economic development by aiding the expansion and startup of companies within the region.

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