Blueprint for Prosperity: WITC Receives $96,631 for Innovative School-to-Work Grants

Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College received $96,631 for high school seniors to earn college credits in welding.

The Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development awarded WITC as part of Gov. Walker’s Wisconsin Fast Forward – Blueprint for Prosperity High School Pupil grant program to develop or expand employer-driven training programs. The “Blueprint for Prosperity” initiative aims to reduce technical college wait lists in high-demand fields, enhance employment opportunities for persons with disabilities and support collaborative school-to-work projects.

To meet the demands of the workforce, WITC introduced the Dual Enrollment Welding Academy project. The project will train 16 high school seniors in entry level welding occupations. Successful trainees will obtain certifications in shielded metal arc and gas metal arc welding, and will receive employment placement opportunities at local businesses. Classes for the two semester short-term technical diplomas will be held at New Richmond High School at no cost. Applications are due by May 1, 2015.

For more information about WITC’s Dual Enrollment Welding Academy, call 715.246.6561 ext. 4339 or visit www.witc.edu/dual-enrollment

Ranked fourth best two-year college in the nation by Washington Monthly magazine, WITC serves the educational and career needs of more than 25,000 residents of Northwestern Wisconsin each year. With multiple campuses, WITC offers career-focused associate degree programs, technical diplomas, short-term certificates, customized business training, and a wide array of courses for personal or career enrichment. WITC is a member of Wisconsin Technical College System and is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission. For more information, call 800.243.WITC or visit witc.edu. WITC is an Equal Opportunity/Access/Affirmative Action/Veterans/Disability Employer and Educator.

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