

# LOCAL PARTNERSHIP CREATES JOB OPPORTUNITIES WITH MANUFACTURING PRE-APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM

Work Train recently announced a new workforce development initiative, the Manufacturing Careers Partnership, which brings together the resources of CenterState CEO, the Manufacturers Association of Central New York (MACNY), the Central New York Technology Development Organization (TDO), SUNY Educational Opportunity Center (SUNY EOC), SUNY Onondaga Community College (SUNY OCC), and a select group of community organizations. This partnership is launching a pre-apprenticeship program within the manufacturing industry.

The program will provide foundational skills to un-and-underemployed residents in the greater Syracuse community, link them to entry-level employment within the manufacturing industry, and offer supports to workers and employers to help them retain talent and advance skill sets. This initiative is made possible by \$1.2 million in state funding secured by New York State Assemblyman Al Stirpe.

Initially, the partnership will target residents of Onondaga County to address workforce needs for entry-level workers at traditional manufacturers. The partnership will eventually develop subsequent programs and resources to address higher-skilled positions over the long term.

The Manufacturing Careers Partnership is the latest initiative of Work Train, a collaborative led and administered by CenterState CEO and funded by local foundations and local and state government. Work Train brings together partners to develop workforce solutions that meet the needs of area employers and un-and-underemployed workers, alike. It seeks to connect community members to jobs that show persistent and robust demand for workers, as well as opportunities for career advancement. Work Train's model builds on CenterState CEO's successful pilot programs, Green Train and Health Train.

The partnership seeks to align a re-emerging manufacturing sector in the region with a pool of untapped talent in the region. Pre-apprenticeship training begins this summer. The Partnership anticipates working with 40 to 60 people through December 2015 and will build capacity to train and advance up to 300 workers through 2017.

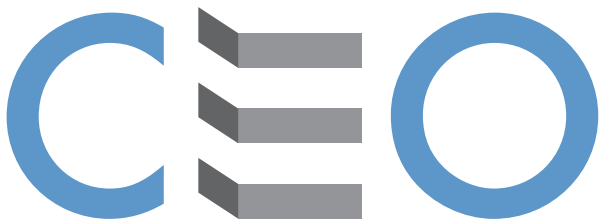
Those interested in participating in this program can contact Danielle Szabo: [dszabo@centerstateceo.com](mailto:dszabo@centerstateceo.com) or at 315-254-5722.



Assemblyman Al Stirpe discusses how the Manufacturing Careers Partnership will train untapped talent for the region's manufacturing sector.



An employee on the line at Darco Manufacturing, Inc., in Syracuse, host of the Manufacturing Careers Partnership press announcement.



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