

Employee Training under Michigan's Economic Development Job Training (EDJT) Program

Program Description

Michigan is an active participant in maintaining a highly-trained, skilled labor force. In recent years, Michigan has developed trend-setting programs to deliver job training assistance to employers. In support of this goal, the legislature has appropriated funds to the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) for the administration of the Economic Development Job Training (EDJT) program.

The EDJT program seeks to ensure that Michigan has the training resources to retain and attract smart businesses and people. EDJT awards are discretionary and require that businesses and training providers work closely with an MEDC account manager and workforce development specialist to develop an effective training plan. Projects considered for an EDJT award must meet the requirements of one of the following program components:

Business Response Program (BRP)

For consideration under the BRP, projects must maintain or attract permanent jobs for Michigan residents or provide training assistance in areas such as quality improvement and control, environmental requirements, new technology or cost reduction and efficiency improvements.

Priority will be given to companies that:

- Demonstrate a need for the type of training being offered
- Result in the creation and/or retention of high wage/high skill jobs
- Demonstrate measurable outcomes of training activities

Manufacturing Competitiveness Program (MCP)

Collaborative efforts that increase the competitiveness of multiple companies including vulnerable and high potential segments of the manufacturing sector will be considered for MCP funding.

Priority consideration will be given to those projects that can demonstrate:

- A strong level of collaboration and cooperation
- Training for new techniques, systems and processes of value to the affected companies

Additional EDJT Program Requirements

- At least 75% of the funds will be awarded to community colleges or a consortium of community colleges and other eligible applicants.
- No more than 10% of the total grant award may be expended by a recipient for administration costs.
- For training delivered to incumbent workers under the Business Response Program, the business receiving the training shall provide a minimum of 20% match.

For more information about this program contact Southwest Michigan First at 269.553.9588.