

Free Apprenticeship Works Seminar Offered for Manufacturers

Three dates available: October 31, November 1 and November 2.

AUGUSTA — The Maine Apprenticeship Program at the Maine Department of Labor is offering manufacturing employers a free, two-hour seminar about the benefits of sponsoring an apprenticeship. Registered Apprenticeship is an “earn and learn” training model that combines work-based learning with related classroom instruction using the highest industry standards.

"Apprenticeship is a training model that benefits both employers and workers," said Governor Paul R. LePage. "Businesses can build a pipeline of workers skilled in their company's specific needs. The apprenticed worker trains both on the job and in the classroom while earning a salary. These workers earn while they learn, supporting their family without taking on crushing student loan debt, and have a good paying career as a result. This is a win-win for workers and employers."

The seminar is being conducted by Lucinda Curry, Director of Apprenticeship Works, [Robert C. Byrd Institute for Advanced Flexible Manufacturing](#). The two-hour seminars will be at the following locations:

- October 31, 9 a.m., Springvale CareerCenter, 9 Bodwell Court, Springvale, ME
- October 31, 1 p.m., Greater Portland CareerCenter, 151 Jetport Blvd., Portland, ME
- November 1, 3 p.m., Lewiston CareerCenter, 5 Mollison Way, Lewiston
- November 2, 9 a.m., Bangor CareerCenter, 45 Oak Street, Bangor, ME
- November 2, 2 p.m., Maine Department of Labor, Frances Perkins Room, 45 Commerce Drive, Augusta, ME

Manufacturers can register online at www.maine.gov/labor/jobs_training/apprenticeship.html.

Registered Apprenticeship provides world-class training for employees, combining hands-on, work-based learning with related classroom instruction using the highest industry standards to complement skills gained on the job. Employers that sponsor a Registered Apprenticeship will help their company gain, train and retain a highly-skilled and diversified workforce, improve productivity, profitability and the bottom line, and offset training costs.

Employers interested in learning more about the Apprenticeship Works seminars and how to sponsor a Registered Apprenticeship can contact Eileen Miazga, Apprenticeship Program Specialist at 207-623-7966 or eileen.miazga@maine.gov.

About Maine Apprenticeship Program

The Maine Apprenticeship Program assists in setting up structured yet flexible training programs designed to meet the specific needs of Maine employers through on-the-job learning and related classroom instruction. Apprenticeship Programs can be sponsored by employers, employer associations, or labor/management groups that can hire and train in a working situation. www.maine.gov/labor/jobs_training/apprenticeship.html.

About Apprenticeship Works

Apprenticeship Works — the National Advanced Manufacturing Apprenticeship Program at the Robert C. Byrd Institute for Advanced Flexible Manufacturing (RCBI) — makes apprenticeships more accessible and affordable for employers, helping reduce skills gaps. Through Apprenticeship Works, RCBI and its team of national partners help companies develop and implement customized, world-class training that combines hands-on, work-based learning with related classroom and online instruction using the highest industry standards.

The Maine Department of Labor provides equal opportunity in employment and programs. Auxiliary aids and services are available to individuals with disabilities upon request.

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