

Grant Summary

Grant Program	Job-Driven (JD) National Emergency Grant (NEG)
Grantee Name	Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training
Grantee City and State	Cranston, Rhode Island
Grant Award Amount	\$3,853,796
Location of Grant Activities	The counties of Bristol; Kent; Newport; Providence; and Washington
Project Description	<p>Rhode Island proposes to enhance and expand existing structures, processes, and relationships to support the state's long-term unemployed residents. In response to the needs that many long-term unemployed workers face in re-attaching to the labor market, the State developed an infrastructure, a set of work-based learning strategies, and strengthened industry relationships. Additionally, the State has identified where existing opportunities can be leveraged or expanded to support optimal outcomes for the workers. It is upon this analysis and set of activities that the JD NEG is built. The State will deliver work-based training through contextualized learning to train participants for welding occupations, particularly with General Dynamics Electric Boat, by expanding an existing training program to include a contextualized instructional format thereby reaching lower literacy individuals. It will also establish a CNC manufacturing apprenticeship program through the state's new CNC apprenticeship program; and expand supports for long-term unemployed workers entering existing work-based learning initiatives which include paid and unpaid work experiences. Each strategy is rooted in the needs of employers and long-term unemployed workers and grows from existing workforce development programming in Rhode Island. The two manufacturing strategies have strong support from one of the state's largest manufacturers, General Dynamics Electric Boat. The existing work-based learning initiatives benefit from a year of building employer engagement in a number of industries and are poised to serve significant numbers of individuals in the coming two years.</p>
Key Industries	Hospitality/Tourism; Manufacturing; and Marine Trades
Populations to be Served	Dislocated workers that are long-term unemployed, with priority to recently separated veterans
Partners	<p>Rhode Island will build upon existing employer and industry partnerships in their targeted industries. Examples include the Rhode Island Hospitality Association (RIHA); Rhode Island Manufacturers Extension Services (RIMES); and General Dynamics Electric Boat</p>

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