



Greater Oh-Penn Manufacturing Apprenticeship Network

*Ashtabula, Columbiana, Geauga, Mahoning, Portage and Trumbull Counties in Ohio
Clarion, Crawford, Erie, Forest, Lawrence, Mercer, Venango and Warren Counties in Pennsylvania*

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Who is "The Network"?

One of the most exciting and motivating events of 2015 was the announcement that the Mahoning Valley Manufacturers Coalition and its public partner, the West Central Job Partnership, was awarded an American Apprenticeship Initiative Grant of \$2.9 million.

Partners from 14 counties across Ohio and Pennsylvania make up the Greater Oh-Penn Manufacturing Apprenticeship Network (The Network). These counties include: Trumbull, Mahoning, Columbiana, Portage, Geauga and Ashtabula in Ohio, as well as Mercer, Lawrence, Erie, Crawford, Venango, Clarion, Warren, and Forest in Pennsylvania.

These 14 counties include the collaboration of 5 sector partnerships: [Mahoning Valley Manufacturers Coalition](#), [Erie Regional Manufacturer Partnership](#), [Advanced Materials and Diversified Manufacturing Industry Partnership of Lawrence and Mercer Counties](#), [Advanced Diversified Manufacturing Industry Partnership in Northwest PA](#), and [Portage County Manufacturers Coalition](#).

The Greater Oh-Penn Manufacturing Apprenticeship Network will add 300 apprentices over the next 5 years. Expanding the number of apprenticeships available in the region will allow more people to learn the critical skills needed in manufacturing while simultaneously earning a wage. Apprenticeships are also beneficial to companies as they diversify their workforce, improve productivity and profitability, standardize training, reduce turnover, and receive tax credits and more.

Upcoming Events

- **MVMC Quarterly Meeting**
February 5, 2016
9:00 AM - 10:30 AM
Mahoning County Career and Technical Center
Joyce Brooks Center
- **Career & College Fair**
February 11, 2016
8 am - 2 pm
Columbiana County Career & Technical Center
- **Manufacturing Readiness**
Orientation: Feb 29, 2016
Class Begins: March 8, 2016
Trumbull Career & Technical Center
- **Mercer County Business & Industry Career Fair 2016**
Wednesday, March 10, 2016
8:00 AM - 2:30 PM
The Park Inn by Radisson
3377 New Castle Road West
Middlesex, PA 16159

Education & Technology Update

Education partners in the Oh-Penn Region are responding to employers' needs by working collaboratively to create new programs, as well as revive those that have been inactive.

Columbiana County Career and Technical Center purchased equipment to enhance their Precision Machine Technology program, while **Trumbull Career and Technical Center** made purchases to enhance their High School Manufacturing Technology Program.

Survey Progress

A survey to collect interest in apprenticeship and projected hiring for 2016 was sent to members of The Network in December.

The answers provided will allow Oh-Penn to better allocate resources and plan next steps for the recently awarded \$2.9 million apprenticeship grant program. Some highlights from the survey are listed below:

- 51 responses
- 58% of respondents are interested in beginning or expanding an apprenticeship program
- Survey revealed over 100 open positions throughout 2016

Your company's support and participation in our survey is vital to Oh-Penn's ability to create local solutions for your current and future manufacturing needs. If you would like to take the survey, but did not receive the link please contact Jessica Driscoll at jdriscoll@tpma-inc.com.

Apprenticeship Scorecard

Below are The Network's goals for year 1 of the American Apprenticeship Initiative, as well as current performance numbers. This scorecard allows partners of The Network to see the progress of their hard work, as well as share our progress with others that want to become involved.

Apprenticeship Score Card	Year 1 Goals	Current Performance
Total number of employers benefitting from the grant program	8	
Total number of new apprentices registered	25	
Total number of participants to receive services under this grant	50	
Total number of newly registered American Apprenticeship Programs	12	
Total number of promotional/outreach activities to employers	535	37



