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Finger Lakes Hired to Provide \$5.2 Million in Training to Local Businesses and Job Seekers

March 17, 2015 - Rochester, NY—Finger Lakes Hired, a four year initiative through the U.S. Department of Labor Ready to Work Grant, has united area workforce investment boards and community colleges to provide training incentives for businesses and the long-term unemployed in the nine-county Finger Lakes region.

Founded on a rich history of collaboration, Finger Lakes Hired partners—RochesterWorks!, Finger Lakes Works, GLOW Works, Monroe Community College, Finger Lakes Community College, and Genesee Community College—look forward to the impact that this program will have throughout the region.

“We are excited to have regional resources to identify and match the workforce requirements of businesses with the skills needed by local talent. The success of this initiative brings us one step closer to closing the reported gap that exists between career opportunities and eligible candidates.” —**Peter Pecor, Executive Director, [RochesterWorks!](#)**

“In a recent survey of area businesses, it was noted that the manufacturing sector has the highest number of open jobs and does not have applicants with the necessary basic qualifications. This grant provides one solution to meeting this need for the benefit of the business and the job seeker. We are very excited to be participating.” —**Karen Springmeier, Executive Director, [Finger Lakes Works](#)**

“The Finger Lakes Hired Grant is critical to the businesses in the nine-county region. Meeting the needs of local business with skilled employees is a necessity—and ensuring the job seeking customer is able to gain skills needed to enter in-demand careers—is the perfect connection for our overall workforce development mission for both business and job seeking customers in the region.” —**Mary Lou Hamm, GLOW WIB Manager, [GLOW Works](#)**

Local businesses operating in the Health Care, Information Technology, and Advanced Manufacturing sectors may be eligible for training incentives for current employees and new hires. Businesses also have the opportunity to try out candidates for two weeks at no cost to them! Job seekers may also qualify for training assistance to accompany our one-on-one job search assistance.

For more information about Finger Lakes Hired visit www.fingerlakeshired.com.

About Finger Lakes Hired

Finger Lakes Hired addresses the needs of businesses and job seekers in the nine-county Finger Lakes region by bringing together workforce partners and community colleges to help prepare and place the long-term unemployed into local, in-demand jobs in the Advanced Manufacturing, Information Technology, and Health Care sectors.

Finger Lakes Hired is made possible by a \$5.2 Million US Department of Labor Ready to Work grant. This initiative is fully funded by federal money. Finger Lakes Hired is an equal opportunity program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

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