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Lewiston High School Receives \$22,584 Micro-Grant to Boost Industrial Technology Skills

Lewiston High School will use a \$22,584 micro-grant from the Idaho Department of Labor to train at least 130 students in industrial technology.

The training will focus on building skills in Computer Numeric Control (CNC), Computer Aided Design (CAD) and Computer Aided Manufacturing (CAM), identified as in great demand now and in the future, according to research conducted by Lewis-Clark State College and the Idaho Department of Labor. The high school's industrial technology center and SkillsUSA robotics program will provide the training.

Community partners teaming up to provide \$22,584 of in-kind support include Clearwater Economic Development Association, Vista Outdoors, Clearwater Paper, Schweitzer Engineering Laboratory, Lewis-Clark State College and Lewiston School District.

Of the more than 130 students to be trained, 52 are expected to obtain employment within 30 days of training starting at \$15 per hour, and another 30 students will pursue post-secondary education after training.

The micro-grant program, approved by the Idaho Workforce Development Council and funded through the Idaho Workforce Development Training Fund, provides up to \$25,000 per grant to local and rural communities for workforce development projects on a smaller scale than the traditional projects. Approved projects must increase employment and wages of a community's workforce or assist in stemming the out-migration of youth and young adult workers from Idaho communities.

Applications are reviewed and approved by a panel of representatives from business, education, economic development and the Idaho Department of Labor.

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