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DWD Awards Technical Education Equipment Grant To 35 Wisconsin School Districts

Equipment upgrades enable tech career skills training for high school students

(MADISON, Wis.) – The Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD) has awarded a Wisconsin Fast Forward (WFF) Advanced Manufacturing Technical Education Equipment Grant to 35 Wisconsin school districts in the amount of \$1 million for advanced manufacturing initiatives.

Many districts took this opportunity to add robotics, laser tools and 3-D printing capabilities to their curricula. Projects ranged from replacing 1970s era tools with up-to-date CNC equipment, to outfitting labs with the equipment necessary to teach students skills such as computer-based milling and machining, metals fabrication, welding and engineering, design, drafting, modeling and prototyping.

"This grant enables school districts to update existing educational offerings, add new classes and increase capacity of career and technical education courses," said DWD Secretary Ray Allen. "By supporting students learning high-demand technical skills while still in high school, Wisconsin supports an accelerated future workforce."

The Wisconsin Fast Forward program encourages increased collaboration between Wisconsin's workforce, employers, local or regional economic development organizations, workforce development boards, post-secondary institutions and private training providers to develop and execute business-led training programs.

Other organizations that received Advanced Manufacturing Technical Education Equipment grants are:

Arrowhead Union High School District	\$49,000.00	Accurshear Hydraulic Shear
Barneveld School District	\$13,141.61	Eagles on Autopilot

Beaver Dam Unified School District	\$50,000.00	Advanced Manufacturing Lab
School District of Bonduel	\$50,000.00	CNC Regional Manufacturing Center
School District of Brodhead	\$18,000.00	Welding Program
School District of Brown Deer	\$50,000.00	Productivity Center
School District of Cadott Community	\$16,200.00	CNC Machining Program
Clinton Community School District	\$9,000.00	Advanced Manufacturing Technical Equipment Grant
School District of Cornell	\$50,000.00	Machine Tool Dual Credit High School Academy
Elkhorn Area School District	\$35,083.00	Computer Integrated Manufacturing
Germantown School District	\$50,000.00	Advanced Manufacturing Technical Education Equipment Grant
School District of Grafton	\$11,380.00	Computer Aided Manufacturing Initiative
School District of Janesville	\$20,904.21	Advanced Manufacturing Pathway Project
Kenosha School District No. 1	\$50,000.00	Implementing Advanced Manufacturing
Kiel Area School District	\$8,490.00	Electricity Curriculum Kits
School District of Lomira	\$10,000.00	MakerSpace
Menominee Indian School District	\$5,000.00	Drafting & Design 3D Printer Project
Milwaukee Public Schools, Lynde and Harry Bradley Technology	\$11,400.00	Milltronics Controller Upgrade and Trade High School
School District of Mosinee	\$12,495.66	FABlab upgrades
Mount Horeb Area School District	\$31,200.00	Advanced Welding Lab Training Stations
Mukwonago Area School District	\$50,000.00	Mukwonago Advanced Manufacturing Renovation
School District of New Berlin	\$50,000.00	Teaching "How Machines Work"
School District of New London	\$12,887.00	Welding Equipment Upgrade
Port Washington-Saukville School District	\$50,000.00	Advanced Machining and CNC Technology
School District of River Falls	\$50,000.00	Welding and Metals Fabrication
School District of Sheboygan Falls	\$8,000.00	CNC Brake Press
School District of Slinger	\$50,000.00	Advanced Manufacturing Equipment Laser Cutter
School District of Stratford	\$32,847.00	Innov8 Stratford
Waterloo School District	\$27,058.33	Developing Manufacturing Skills for Local Industry
School District of Waukesha	\$15,100.00	Advanced Manufacturing Center
Wauwatosa School District	\$50,000.00	Center for Design and Innovation Phase II
School District of Webster	\$13,500.00	Advanced Machining Equipment
West Bend School District Number 1	\$7,057.00	Metal Fabrication Upgrade
School District of Westfield	\$32,256.19	Manufacturing Center

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