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Memo

Date: July 8, 2026
To: Economic Development Committee
From: Ron Schlager Business Services Manager, DuPage Workforce Development Division
RE: Incumbent Worker Training Application – Walker MidWest

Walker Midwest manufactures precision stamped metal parts, fabricated sheet metal enclosures, constant-force springs, and custom metal kitchen equipment. Their primary services include high-volume metal stamping, laser cutting, welding, modular product assembly, and design prototyping.

Walker Midwest is pursuing training in Related Theory Apprenticeship Training for Tool & Die Making and CNC Programming with the Training & Manufacturing Association. The market for experienced tool & die makers is highly competitive which is why they would like to train internal talent with the skills needed to support their long-term workforce needs.

Without this training, the company will struggle to fill tool and die roles, leading to higher recruitment costs and potential production delays. It also risks losing valuable knowledge from retiring employees, making it harder to meet customer demands.

Notes:

- * Walker MidWest — 103 Employees
- * Located in Itasca, Illinois
- * Number of Incumbent Workers to be Trained: 2
- * Total Amount Approved: \$11,300