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Memo

Date: July 24, 2026
To: Economic Development Committee
From: Ron Schlager Business Services Manager, DuPage Workforce Development Division
RE: Incumbent Worker Training Application – Abrasive West LLC

Abrasive West LLC manufactures high-precision tungsten carbide inserts for needle holder forceps used in both robotic and handheld surgical instruments, employing rigorous quality control and creep-feed grinding methods for consistent performance and wear resistance. The company's core strength lies in its precision creep-feed grinding capabilities, enabling controlled-depth cutting and superior surface finishes in a single. Abrasive West supports customers in industries such as aerospace, industrial engines, industrial gas turbines, as well as medical and dental device manufacturing.

The Manufacturing Growth Systems & Leadership Capacity Development program is a structured incumbent worker training initiative that builds practical leadership, operational, and business growth competencies among employees at small and mid-sized manufacturing companies. Topics include KPI management, operational accountability systems, customer diversification planning, and capstone-based evidence of application.

Notes:

- * Abrasive West LLC — 16 Employees
- * Located in Roselle, Illinois
- * Number of Incumbent Workers to be Trained: 3
- * Total Amount Approved: \$6,000.00