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Memo

Date: September 30, 2024
To: Economic Development Committee
From: Griffin Leininger, Business Services Lead, DuPage Workforce Development Division
RE: Incumbent Worker Training Application – Forster Tool & Manufacturing Inc

Forster Tool & Manufacturing Inc. in Bensenville applied for funding for IT/CMMC Certification, Esprit, and PC-DMIS CMM Level 1 and Level 3 trainings. The training will allow Forster to upskill its existing workforce to take on increased capacity in the Defense and Aerospace industries. Without this training, Forster could miss out on new contracts that could increase sales.

CNC skills are in high demand, and it is very difficult to find workers who have prior experience or training in CNC. Forster has chosen to train existing employees to obtain these advanced skills.

The selected training provides instruction related to probe calibration, alignments, measurements, dimensioning, manual and DCC modes and using CAD models as well as basic cybersecurity.

From a company perspective, having multiple trained operators for these machines will increase the productivity and throughput of these machines. As a result of the trainings, employees will receive the benefit of an increase in pay and nationally recognized credentialing.

Notes:

- * Forster Tool & Manufacturing Inc. - 21 Employees
- * Located in Bensenville, Illinois
- * Number of Incumbent Workers to be Trained: 5
- * Total Amount Approved: \$16,990.00