

Metals Manufacturing Skill Panel

Meeting Minutes

September 17, 2009

Attendees: Kim Freeman, MHCC; Heather Ficht, Jesse Aronson, WSI; Terry Smith, PCC Structural; Mary Davis, PCC; Carol Chislett, Vigor Industrial; Jeannie Brault, Schnitzer Steel; Heather Noel via conference ESCO.

Minutes:

I. Training

Group discussed why classes were not being filled. Classes that have been cancelled so far are:

- GD&T Level I, 8/31 to 9/4, 1:00-5:00, MTWRF *this class has been rescheduled for 10/5 to 10/9*
- Metallurgy for Non-Metallurgists, 9/14 to 9/18, 2:30-5:00 MTWRF
- Business Math for Manufacturing, 9/14 to 10/8, 1:00-3:00, MWR
- Welder Certification, 9/19, 10/3, and 11/14

Identified Issues:

- Time of class (middle of day not good)
- location
- Difficult to pull production staff from the job for training
- Marketing within companies

Group discussed what would be the minimum amount of participants they would feel comfortable with to justify having a class. Determined that they need to use match calculation when deciding how many students are necessary to have a class.

Group went through cancelled classes and upcoming classes to determine what they would like to cancel permanently or consider changing. Decision to cancel classes was based on current enrollment numbers, projected enrollment, and acceptable cost per/match calculation.

Cancelled Classes:

- GD&T Level 1 10/26 to 10/30 *current registrants will be added to the class on 10/5*
- GD&T Level 2 11/30 to 12/4 *current registrants will be added to the class on 11/9*
- Metallurgy for Non-Metallurgists, 9/14 to 9/18

Changed Classes:

- Business Math for Manufacturing will be rescheduled and held at Leatherman

- Welder certification is postponed until group agrees on how this is offered. There is interest in welding if there is a training component and not just certification

Group discussed buying more Kinetic vouchers. Kinetic vouchers have been used because the classes are on a flexible schedule. Staff that use these trainings are not at the production worker level and have more job flexibility.

Vigor Industrial expressed that blue print math and safety training are potential classes they would like to see offered.

Kim Freeman suggested getting information on other skill panel industry trainings to see if there is any overlap in training areas. If there is, can metals attend their trainings and vice versa to leverage funds?

Action Item: Jesse to convene marketing meeting for next week with Heather Ficht, Heather Noel, and Randy Anderson.

Action Item: Panel members discuss with their business what training they would like to have in lieu of the cancelled classes. More Kinetic vouchers? Different OIT trainings (Jesse will send two other OIT options)? What kind of welding training? The focus of next meeting will be how they want to reinvest funding from cancelled trainings.

Action Item: Jesse will update training matrix to reflect changes.

Next Skill Panel Meeting: October 7th, 8:00-9:30 at Worksystems