

EMPLOYEE TRAINING UNDER MICHIGAN'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT JOB TRAINING (EDJT) PROGRAM

Michigan is an active participant in maintaining and creating a highly trained, skilled labor force and has a program to deliver job training assistance to employers. In support of this goal, the legislature has appropriated funds to the Michigan Economic Development CorporationSM (MEDC) for the administration of the Economic Development Job Training (EDJT) program.

The EDJT program seeks to ensure that Michigan has the training resources to retain and attract business and people to move into the 21st century with a highly skilled workforce. EDJT awards are discretionary and require that businesses and training providers work closely with an MEDC business development manager and workforce development specialist to develop an effective training plan that benefits the employer and Michigan citizens. Priority will be given to projects that meet at least two of the requirements noted below:

- Demonstrate a need for high-skill training
- Invested in Michigan through the purchase of equipment and/or property
- Create and/or retain high-wage/high-skill jobs
- Training needed to compete in the 21st century industries, such as:
 - > Advanced manufacturing or materials
 - > Life sciences
 - > Technology
 - > Homeland security and/or defense
 - > Alternative energy

ADDITIONAL EDJT PROGRAM GUIDELINES

- The majority of funds are awarded to non-profit Michigan training institutions.
- Funds may be awarded directly to companies if the company is creating at least 100 jobs or to companies with less than 50 employees and an individual grant award of less than \$20,000.
- Funds may also be awarded to manufacturers seeking aerospace certification.
- For training delivered to incumbent workers the business receiving the training shall provide at least 30% match.
- Companies may receive training for Michigan residents only.
- Preference given to Michigan trainers.
- All grant awards must be audited by an MEDC authorized auditing firm.

For more information, contact the MEDC Customer Assistance Center at 517.373.9808.