

Southwest Washington Workforce Development Council Workforce Investment Act Policies and Procedures

Provisional Demand Occupation - Justification and Conditions *PDO # 3 – Maintenance and Repair Workers*

Effective Date: 4/24/09

Expiration Date: 6/30/10

Summary:

Training for maintenance and repair workers is allowed under this provisional demand justification.

Occupational Description:

SOC code : 499042

Description: Perform work involving the skills of two or more maintenance or craft occupations to keep machines, mechanical equipment, or the structure of an establishment in repair. Duties may involve pipe fitting; boiler making; insulating; welding; machining; carpentry; repairing electrical or mechanical equipment; installing, aligning, and balancing new equipment; and repairing buildings, floors, or stairs.

Background:

Maintenance and repair workers are currently not in demand in SW WA. However, many workers, both incumbent and unemployed, are in need of skill upgrades to become competitive in an increasingly challenging marketplace. Furthermore, many of these skills are needed to support the growing demand in the green jobs sectors.

Justification:

This occupation is experiencing growth on the Oregon side of our region. In addition, the skills within this occupational classification serve as the baseline for the more advanced manufacturing training local area employers are saying they want to see (based on input from the Manufacturing Skills Panel work in 2008-2009). Finally, the ability to enhance and retool workers' skills so they are prepared to compete for green related jobs will be critical to employers as the economy rebounds.

Examples of Approved Credentials:

Lower Columbia College:

- Public Works Maintenance/Water Quality- Certificate of Completion or Certificate of Proficiency, depending on experience and number of credits, through LCC's Individualized Certificate Program.
- Fundamentals of Manufacturing-Certificate of Completion
- Process Manufacturing-Certificate of Proficiency
- Manufacturing Core-Certificate of Proficiency
- Advanced Manufacturing Technology- (AAS Degree)

Other related credentials from providers on the eligible training providers' list.

Conditions:

1. All other aspects of the SWWDC's ITA policy must be adhered to.
2. Staff must document in SKIES case notes that the ITA has been approved by referencing this policy "PDO #3-Maintenance and Repair Workers."