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Apprenticeships expanding in health care, manufacturing and transportation industries

New initiative works to build apprenticeship in high-growth industries

Minnesota is continuing to expand apprenticeship programs in high-growth industries and will soon celebrate the addition of three new programs in the health care, advanced manufacturing and transportation industries.

The Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry (DLI) is working with three employers in the Twin Cities to design registered apprenticeship programs to assist them in recruiting, training and retaining highly skilled talent.

1,000 new apprentices

These new programs are part of the Minnesota Apprenticeship Initiative (MAI) funded by a \$5 million dollar grant from the U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL). In 2015, Minnesota was awarded the grant to expand registered apprenticeship throughout the next five years in the advanced manufacturing, agriculture, health care services, information technology and transportation industries. DLI is engaging and assisting more than 100 employers in the development of apprenticeship programs to train 1,000 new apprentices in 30 occupations. Grant funds are administered by DLI's partner, the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED).

DLI is working with employers to create registered apprenticeship programs and coordinate support activities including:

- outreach and recruitment,
- co-enrolled program intake,
- assessment,
- adult basic education where necessary,
- wrap-around support services,
- career guidance,
- life skills coaching and counseling,
- structured on-the-job training,
- competency based technical instruction, and
- state-issued industry-recognized credentials.



The Minnesota Apprenticeship Initiative helps expand apprenticeship in high-growth industries including advanced manufacturing, health care and transportation.

DEED is the fiscal agent of the grant and will assist employers with reimbursement and report about the progress of the initiative to the USDOL. The MAI team expects to open a round of grants for additional funding in fall of 2016.

More information

Read more about MAI at www.dli.mn.gov/aai.asp. Employers in non-traditional high-growth industries interested in creating a registered apprenticeship program at their workplace can contact:

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Apprentices compete at National Craft Championship

Four local apprentices competed June 8, 2016, at the National Craft Championships (NCC) in Mokena, Ill.

The NCC allows the top apprentices from throughout the country to compete and demonstrate their exceptional skills, training and safe work practices. For the training sponsors, the NCC demonstrates a strong commitment to the career opportunities the construction industry has to offer.

The competition consists of hands-on projects and written tests related to the trade the apprentice is learning. Minnesota apprentices who competed this year include:

Andy Segar – Fourth place for pipefitting.

Pat Garvey – Fifth place in HVAC service.

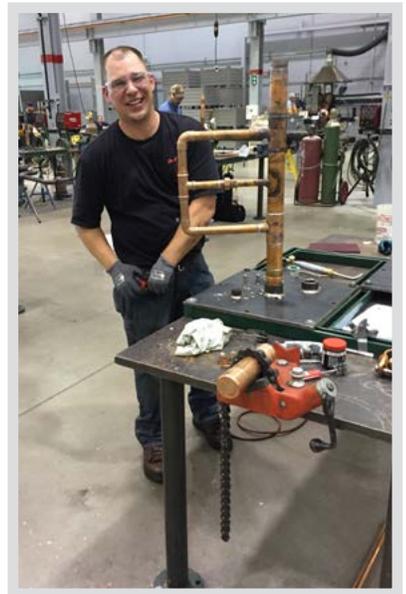
U.A. Local 539 District 4
Minneapolis Pipefitters

Phil Gunderson – Fourth place for pipe welding.

U.A. Local 455 District 4
St. Paul Pipefitters

David Spaeth – Fourth place for plumbing projects.

U.A. Local 15 District 4
Minneapolis Plumbers



An apprentice competes June 8, 2016, at the National Craft Championships in Mokena, Ill.

Congratulations to the apprentices and thank you to training coordinators Bill Lombard, Jack Hettwer and Chad Birk for their hard work in providing quality career training.

LEAP grant available soon, sign-up for more information \$100,000 available to support participation in registered apprenticeship

In late July, DLI's Apprenticeship Division will announce the availability of \$100,000 in Labor Education Advancement Program (LEAP) funding in support of registered apprenticeship. LEAP was developed to encourage, promote, increase and support the participation of women and people of color in registered apprenticeship programs. Community-based organizations serving under-represented populations are

eligible for this funding which will be awarded by DLI based on a competitive request for proposal.

Interested in applying?

Contact LaRohn Latimer, apprenticeship field representative, at (651) 284-5223 to be added to the contact list. An official announcement about the grant is expected later in July.

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Longtime Duluth Pipe Trades coordinator retires

Jack Pezze retired July 1, 2016, as coordinator for the Duluth Area Pipe Trades and Northern Mechanical and Iron Range plumbers.

Pezze served an apprentice with Plumbers Local 11 where he worked 18 years in the field as a pipefitter. He was also an instructor in high-pressure codes before becoming coordinator. He served as coordinator for 18 years and was a true champion for apprenticeship.

Thank you for your commitment to registered apprenticeship and best of luck in retirement.



BY THE NUMBERS

	April 2016	May 2016	June 2016
Sponsor information			
Active sponsors	220	221	221
New sponsors	13	5	5
New occupations	0	7	1
Apprentice information			
Total apprentices	11,394	11,376	11,297
Females	788	799	786
Minorities	2,314	2,328	2,322
Veterans	591	600	604
New apprentices	328	511	277
Graduations	124	230	117
Services to sponsors and apprentices			
Information calls	12	9	12
Community outreach visits	7	5	4
Technical assistance visits	40	34	21
Prospective sponsor visits	10	30	30

Apprentices compete in national roofing contest



Jason Lehmeier of Palmer West Construction competes May 21, 2016, at the Midwest Roofing Apprentice Competition in Chicago.

Six apprentices from Roofers Local 96 attended the 10th annual Midwest Roofing Apprentice Competition in Chicago on May 21, 2016. Four of the six apprentices placed in the top five of their division.

Each division drew nearly two-dozen apprentices from throughout the Midwest to compete. Jessica Patnode with Central Roofing was the top finisher for Local 96 earning second place in the third/fourth year division. She was the only female in that division, and one of only two in the entire competition. The Roofers Local 96 competitors included:

Phase one

- Jeremy Kosloski (fourth place) – Granite City Roofing
- Eric Rotondo – Jamar Co.

Phase two

- Sean Fuller (fourth place) – Central Roofing
- Jesse Lawson (fifth place) – B.L. Dalsin

Phase three

- Jessica Patnode (second place) – Central Roofing
- Jason Lehmeier – Palmer West Construction

Learn about mechatronics with Buhler Inc and DLI

DLI and Buhler Inc. will host a facilitated conversation July 18, 2016, about apprenticeship and mechatronics opportunities through Buhler Inc.

The event is scheduled for 10 a.m. at Buhler, Inc., 13105 12th Ave. N., Plymouth, Minn. View the event flier for complete details and more information about mechatronics: www.dli.mn.gov/APPR/PDF/mechatronic_buhler.pdf.