



Workforce Education and Training Fund  
Awards and Outcomes 2014

## 2014 WETF Grant Descriptions

**Advanced Welding/VT Nondestructive Testing** will provide training to qualify employees to perform welder certifications and weld inspection at the school and in the field.

**Andrew Pearce Bowls** will teach new and incumbent employees in shop and technical skills needed to develop high-quality wood-turning manufacturing techniques.

**Bear Code, LLC** will train new employees in the quality control processes and testing procedures specific to software development. –de-obligated

**Brattleboro Memorial Hospital** will train employees to upgrade job skills and to cross train for new positions in coding and Magnetic Resonance Imaging.

**Central Vermont Community Action Council** is collaborating with the Vermont Foodbank to expand its Community Kitchen Academy program in Barre, VT. CVCAC will provide intensive classroom and hands-on instruction in culinary and technical skills to underemployed and unemployed Vermonters.

**Lyndon State College – Northeast Precision** will train new employees in shop math and technical skills need for entry level CNC operation.

**Pete's Greens** will train a new team to manage a new Pete's Greens line of minimally processed vegetables that will be sold to institutions or bagged and labeled for retail sales.

**ReSOURCE** will provide education and occupational skill training to disadvantaged adults and low income youth with full-time classroom and hands-on practical training through their YouthBuild program. Additional outcomes include construction of affordable housing, weatherization, solar hot water installation, and distribution of essential goods including computers and major appliances to low income families.

**SunCommon** will provide technical skills training and professional development to staff. Curriculum will include but not be limited to: Phase II of Sales training, best practices in Customer Service, Time and Project Management, Excel, Technical Solar installation, Marketing Theories, and best practices in effective marketing techniques, QuickBooks and SunPower Commercial Design.

**Vermod, LLC-** will train workers in constructing of high performance, super energy efficient manufactured homes.

**Vermont HITEC** –will recruit, educate and place into a USDOL apprenticeship up to 12 Vermonters as medical coders for Dartmouth-Hitchcock Hospital.

**Vermont Rural Water Association** will coordinate and conduct Utility Management Certification program for water and wastewater system personnel.

**Vermont State Colleges/Community College of Vermont** will provide training in the skill areas required to be work ready employees utilizing the Governor's Career Ready Certificate Program.

**Visiting Nurse Association of Chittenden and Grand Isle Counties** will continue and expand the Career Ladder for PCAs program that not only creates new jobs but also improves employee retention and engagement while increasing client satisfaction.

**Vermont Works for Women** will prepare and train women in the basic skills required to obtain employment in the field of law enforcement.

### **WETF Mini-Grants (\$3,000 or under)**

**Franklin Central Supervisory Union** will re-instate their Job Shadow Program which places students in a hands-on job shadow in a place of business. (\$3,000)

**Rutland City Public Schools** will work in close partnership with the Rutland Region Workforce Investment Board (RRWIB) in the organization and execution of a career development event: "Your Journey Starts Here" targeting 7<sup>th</sup> graders. It is a college campus based event. Our relationships with local high schools and the business community are vital in this collaboration. Through our involvement in work based learning, we are able to help bring in some of the key components of career exploration activities. We strongly advocate that all schools regardless of their size should be exposed to career based learning experiences. These events also enable the business community to be involved in a very positive and efficient way.

#### **Governor's Institute on Entrepreneurship**

The Governor's Institute on Entrepreneurship provides an in-depth opportunity for high school students to gain the knowledge, skills, mentorship and peer support to ready them for future careers as entrepreneurs or entrepreneurial workers in existing companies. Young people from across Vermont work hands-on alongside professionals gaining exposure to various aspects of entrepreneurship and getting an understanding of the skills and pathways they will need to achieve their career goals. (\$2,900)

#### **Governor's Institute on Engineering**

The Governor's Institute on Engineering provides an in-depth opportunity for high school students to gain the exposure, skills, mentorship and peer support to support pursuit of careers in several fields of engineering. Young people from across Vermont work hands-on alongside professionals gaining exposure to various fields of engineering such as robotics, aerospace, energy, and biomedical engineering, and getting an understanding of the skills and pathways they will need to achieve their career goals. (\$2,900)

#### **Governor's Institute on Information Technology**

The Governor's Institute on Information Technology provides an in-depth opportunity for high school students to gain the exposure, skills, mentorship and peer support for pursuit of careers in several fields of information technology. Young people from across Vermont work hands-on

alongside professionals gaining exposure to programming and network security, web design or game design. (\$2,900)

**Upper Valley Business and Education Partnership**

The Upper Valley Business and Education Partnership (UVBEP) offers career exploration, work-based learning and professional development programs to K-12 Partner Schools and is seeking funding to meet the increased demand for programs at the 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grade level. UVBEP will offer a progression of Career Exploration (CE) programs to grades 7-9 in Vermont schools in the Bradford, Connecticut Valley and Upper Valley Workforce Investment Board regions. A key benefit of the CE programs is that each level offered can build upon the awareness generated from the previous year, resulting in greater overall impact to students.

Grade 7: Junior Achievement Economics for Success

Grade 8: Job Shadow Day (JSD)

Grade 9: Learn to Earn

### 2014 WETF Grantees

| Grantee   | Location              | Award Amount  | Number Served              |
|---|-----------------------|---------------|----------------------------|
| Advanced Welding/VT nondestructive Testing      | S. Burlington         | \$ 30,000.00  | 5                          |
| Andrew Pearce Bowls                             | S. Royalton           | \$ 15,000.00  | 3                          |
| Bear Code LLC                                   | Montpelier            | \$ 15,000.00  | de-obligated               |
| Brattleboro Memorial Hospital                   | Brattleboro           | \$ 35,000.00  | 645                        |
| Central VT Community Action Council             | Barre                 | \$ 107,741.00 | 36                         |
| Franklin Central Supervisory Union              | St. Albans            | \$ 3,000.00   | 43                         |
| Lyndon State College/Northeast Precision        | Lyndonville           | \$ 35,000.00  | 13                         |
| Pete's Greens, Inc                              | Craftsbury            | \$ 30,000.00  | 4                          |
| ReSource  | Burlington            | \$ 80,000.00  | 36                         |
| SunCommon                                       | Waterbury Ctr.        | \$ 30,000.00  | 17                         |
| Vermod  | Hartford              | \$ 30,000.00  | 8                          |
| Vermont HITEC                                   | Statewide             | \$ 165,000.00 | 12                         |
| Vermont Rural Water Association                 | Statewide             | \$ 35,000.00  | 44                         |
| Vermont State Colleges/Community College of VT  | Statewide             | \$ 162,352.00 | 78                         |
| Visiting Nurse Assoc. of Chittenden & GI        | Chittenden/Grand Isle | \$ 100,000.00 | 65                         |
| VT. Works for Women                             | Chittenden County     | \$ 20,000.00  | 8                          |
| Rutland City Public Schools                     | Rutland               | \$ 3,000.00   | 800                        |
| Rutland Regional Education Corporation          | Rutland               | \$ 3,000.00   | 14                         |
| Governor's Institutes                           | Statewide             | \$ 8,700.00   | 135                        |
| Upper Valley Business and Education Partnership | Upper Valley          | \$ 2,500.00   | 9 schools.<br>30 employers |
|   |                       | \$ 910,293.00 | 1966                       |