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## Arizona Announces \$5 Million for Advanced Manufacturing Training

*Grant received from federal Industry-Driven Skills Training Fund*

*Builds on state's efforts to make Arizona the epicenter of America's manufacturing resurgence*

**PHOENIX - (October 9, 2025)** The Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES) is pleased to announce \$5 million in grant funding to develop the state's workforce in support of advanced manufacturing. DES will partner with colleges, training institutes and local workforce partners to deliver robust training to a minimum of 1,000 participants within a 45-month period. This effort aligns with Governor Hobbs' Talent Ready AZ initiative and goal to create 26,000 new manufacturing jobs by 2030.

Arizona is one of fourteen states to receive an Industry-Driven Skills Training Fund grant from the U.S. Department of Labor to accelerate innovation, strengthen domestic production, and address critical workforce needs across the country.

"We are continuing to deliver the Arizona Promise and bring work opportunities in high-demand careers to people across our state," **said Governor Katie Hobbs**. "We launched Talent Ready AZ to connect Arizonans to education and training that lead to family-sustaining jobs. This funding builds on these efforts to create more career pathways and bolster our advanced manufacturing workforce."

"This grant represents yet another investment into the state's workforce, and DES is excited to capitalize on this opportunity to help aspiring Arizonans break into highly skilled, in-demand professions," **said DES Director Michael Wisehart**. "Arizona's advanced manufacturing employers are global leaders, and we are proud to be able to develop this talent pipeline to develop this sector of our economy."

Strong local workforce connections will streamline pathways for eligible candidates to quickly fulfill the talent needs of major tech companies that call Arizona home. DES will

be working with the Local Workforce Development Boards of Pinal County, City of Phoenix and Maricopa County, and engaging with employers such as TSMC, Boeing, and Lucid to develop and recruit talent for advanced manufacturing. DES will also coordinate with other state agencies like the Office of Economic Opportunity and Arizona Commerce Authority.

Additional information on the Industry-Driven Skills Training Fund can be found in [DOL's news release](#).

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