

**ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE - OFFICE OF EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING
PROGRAM YEAR 2017 NONFORMULA GRANTS (7-1-17 to 6-30-18)**

2017 APPRENTICESHIP EXPANSION GRANTS

Grantee: Prairie State College (South Suburbs)

Company: KLLM Transport Services

Award Amount: \$324,000

Project Summary: The *Driving Toward Apprenticeship Success* program will be designed to improve the availability and quality of commercial truck driver, logistics, and machine operator employment within Illinois. The program will provide industry-recognized credentials under the Illinois Apprenticeship Plus framework, with the goal of registering the program with the U.S. Department of Labor. The program will strengthen and support the existing relationship with employer partners specific to apprenticeships; offer occupational training to job seekers as part of a career pathway; support apprenticeship programs through industry recognized credential programs; and provide supportive services to address individuals with basic skills deficiencies. Prairie State plans to serve 45 adults with apprenticeship-related services through a diversified funding strategy.

Grantee: Safer Foundation (Chicago – Belmont, Cragin, East Garfield Park, & South Holland)

Company: Reconstruction Technology Partners, Battaglia Industries

Award Amount: \$320,000

Project Summary: Safer Foundation will provide post-release case management wraparound services and pathways to construction industry apprenticeship opportunities for more than 20 Adults with criminal records, returning to or residing in disproportionately high re-entry Chicago communities. Participants will receive 16 weeks of assessment and job readiness training, work experience in construction Core and Level 1 Carpentry training modules. Reconstruction Technology Partners and Battaglia Industries will hire completers, who will continue through a four-year apprenticeship program. Safer Foundation will sustain the program and continue to provide follow up services to assist with job retention.

Grantee: Calumet Area Industrial Commission (Chicago – Far South Side & South Suburbs)

Company: Tower Automotive, SET Enterprises

Award Amount: \$240,000

Project Summary: Calumet Industrial Commission will serve 50 Adults for the purpose of conducting 20 apprenticeships and 30 pre-apprenticeships, establishing two new Registered Apprenticeship programs and expanding existing Registered Apprenticeship programs focused on industrial maintenance. The project will also provide “train the trainer” to skilled craftsmen from participating companies to increase the number of journeymen who will be eligible to instruct apprentices.

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