

**WISCONSIN**



**DWD**

Department of Workforce Development

# Wisconsin Fast Forward Program Overview

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# Standard WFF Act 9 Summary

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## *Bipartisan legislation signed into law March 2013*

- Funding to create an expanded Labor Market Information System (LMIS) – New Job Center of Wisconsin
- Funding for \$15 million in worker training grants for businesses
- Created the Office of Skills Development

# Demand Driven Training

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- Responds to **employer demand** for skilled workers based upon demonstrated labor market needs
- Wisconsin employers drive development and delivery of **training programs** to meet current or near-future skilled workforce needs

# Application Requirements

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Application must include ***one or more businesses*** that:

- Show a demand for workers with skills that can be developed with short-medium term training
- Provide a written commitment to hire trainees and/or raise wages of incumbent workers
- Have a presence in Wisconsin and will train workers employed by the Wisconsin location

# Standard WFF Process

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- Grant Program Announcements (GPAs)
  - GPAs focused on occupational areas supported by labor market data and workforce demands of WI businesses
- Set application period with specified deadline
- Competitive rounds of funding
- Review/scoring by OSD/Evaluation Committee
- Applicant presentation to OSD/Evaluation Committee
- OSD recommendations to DWD Leadership
- Intent to Award sent no later than 60 days from deadline
- Applicant enters into contract with OSD/DWD

# Standard WFF Investments to Date

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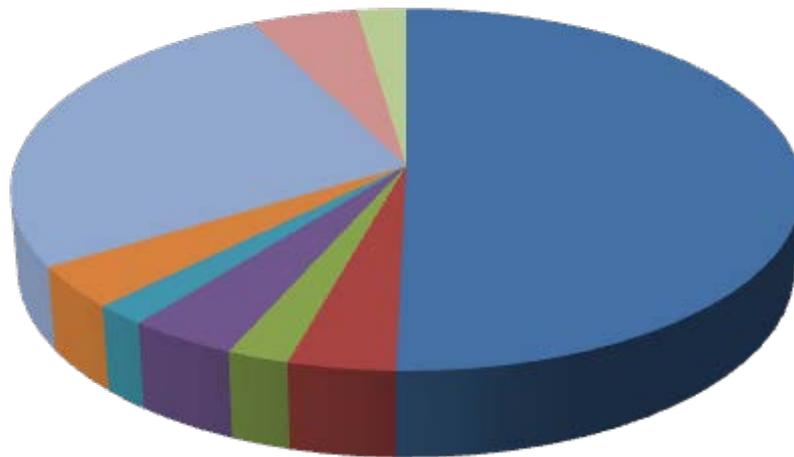
Program*	GPA	Applicant Requested	Intent to Award	Intent to Award No. of Trainees	Intent to Award Estimated No. of Businesses
Round 1: <i>Feb 2014</i>	\$2,700,000	\$4,071,700	\$2,604,943	2,244	81
Round 2: <i>May 2014</i>	\$7,500,000	\$5,622,313	\$3,429,005	4,716	109
Round 3: <i>Nov-Dec 2014</i>	\$8,000,000	\$11,048,041	\$6,472,005	6,826	113
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 18,200,000</b>	<b>\$20,742,054</b>	<b>\$12,505,953</b>	<b>13,786</b>	<b>303</b>

\* Round 4: 2015 schedule to be determined.

# Standard WFF Occupational Areas

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## Intent to Award Trainees (13,786)



■ Manufacturing	6,942
■ Construction	538
■ Small Business	311
■ Customer Service Rep	544
■ Financial Services	261
■ Information Technologies	520
■ Healthcare	3,676
■ Transport	680
■ Agriculture	314

# Blueprint for Prosperity Investments

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“Blueprint for Prosperity” initiative  
(one time funding)  
signed into law by Governor Walker in March 2014

Program	GPA's	Applicant Requested	Intent to Award	Intent to Award Trainee #s
High School Pupil Round 1: <i>May 2014</i>	\$1,500,000	\$3,209,450	\$2,125,939	949
High School Pupil Round 2: <i>March 2015</i>	\$3,000,000	\$3,124,924	\$2,525,173	1,102
Tech College Wait List Reduction: <i>July 2014</i>	\$31,000,000	\$38,696,551	\$28,021,052	4,908
Training Workers with Disabilities: <i>Nov 2014</i>	\$1,000,000	\$1,189,112	\$622,340	210
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$36,500,000</b>	<b>\$46,220,037</b>	<b>\$33,294,504</b>	<b>7,169</b>

# Award Summaries



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