CCC receives another grant for laid-off workers

When Dutchmen Manufacturing notified its employees that it was closing its Clackamas plant in November, Clackamas Community College’s Workforce Development Rapid Response Team was on-site to provide assistance.

CCC has been working with these laid-off workers since then, and will be able to continue to help them gain skills to re-enter the workforce with a $106,680 state of Oregon grant awarded Feb. 28.

The Community College and Workforce Development grant will enable CCC’s staff to continue to provide training and support services to 40 former Dutchmen Manufacturing employees for an additional 12 months, according to Roni Wilhelm, associate director of CCC Workforce Development Services. This may include help with job search activities, basic skills and occupational skills training.

“Our goal is to make sure the former Dutchmen employees get the training, services and support they need to find jobs. We want them to get back into the Oregon workforce as quickly as possible. We’re there to give them hope and to help,” said Wilhelm.

This is the second grant CCC received in a week to help laid-off workers. On Feb. 24, a $275,517 federal Department of Labor National Emergency Grant was awarded that will allow CCC to continue to support 90 former Blount International Inc. workers as they retrain for new jobs.
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