



# Workforce Development Program to Offer Fall Courses

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THE WDI of West Ohio, Inc. will be offering a robotics course and a welding course in the fall. The robotics course is a 3 week program that will run from Tuesday, September 25th through October 11th. The welding course will begin on Monday, October 22nd, running for 7 weeks until mid-December.

Both programs utilize the Tri Star Career Compact Dennings Building. "Partnering with Tri Start Career Compact and St. Marys Schools (for the use of the Dennings Building) for our training programs has been a great benefit and provides great success for our initiatives", stated Angela Hamberg, director of the WDI. Hamberg continued, "This is a great example of collaboration benefitting our local companies and communities. Working together provides a win-win for all."

The robotics course is a 30-hour course that takes 3 weeks to complete, held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays. The course is a blended-learning curriculum, with lecture and hands-on instruction. At the end of the course, successful candidates will earn an industry CERT (Certified Education Robot Training) qualification. The seating is limited to 10 candidates. The cost of the robotics course is \$575.

The welding course is a 90-hour course that takes 7 weeks to complete, held Monday-Thursday. It is a self-paced course with hands-on welding experience and some bookwork (safety, learning symbols, etc.). At the end of the course successful candidates receive a completion certificate that is recognized by area companies. "Our welding program was designed to provide safety education, basic foundation and hands-on experience. Earning a certificate in this course proves that a candidate has met that criteria and has ample hands-on experience to hone their skill. Nearly 90% of the candidates are hired in a welding position at area companies either before completing the course or shortly after. A few have chosen to further their welding training by pursuing AWS certification." explained Hamberg. The seating is limited to 10 candidates. The cost of the welding course is \$900.

To register for either course, call 567-360-6099 or send an email to [wdi@hometownopportunity.com](mailto:wdi@hometownopportunity.com) [1].

It is the goal of this workforce development effort to make visible the varied types of training that are available to the community and where possible, bring training to the local area. This effort provides a talent pool of qualified employees, meets local company needs, increases an opportunity for sustainable income for residents which can ensure a stronger economy for our communities.

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## Links:

[1] <mailto:wdi@hometownopportunity.com>