## Vermont Department of Labor Awards \$225,000 Grant to Expand Apprenticeships in Manufacturing.

**What:** The Vermont Department of Labor's Workforce Development Division announced a new partnership with VMEC aimed at increasing Registered Apprenticeships in manufacturing. This partnership, funded by a \$225,000 grant from the Vermont Department of Labor, aims to strengthen Vermont's workforce development and expansion efforts by fostering connections between employers, service providers, and partners to build a sustainable talent pipeline.

**Learn More:** Join VMEC on May 21st at <u>VBA Spring Tech and Ed day</u> to learn how your on the job training can be a path to apprenticeship that will produce passionate employees that add value to your business and ensure a bright future for the craft brewing community. Get connected to free resources and multiple sources of funding that are available to support you. Advanced manufacturing companies (like breweries) face complex workforce challenges in an increasingly competitive marketplace. Registered apprenticeship is a proven solution for recruiting, training and retaining a talented workforce and quality jobs. Benefit from customized training to meet needs such as improving productivity and reducing turnover. VMEC will facilitate connections between employers and a wide array of Registered Apprenticeship resources available at the state, regional, and national levels.

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