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### **Dual-Training Grants Program Now Taking Applications**

ST. PAUL, Minn – The application window for dual-training grants is now open for Minnesota companies interested in participating in the PIPELINE program – a public-private partnership that connects high-growth industries with workers interested in learning a specific skill set. Sen. Matt Little (DFL-Lakeville) helped sponsor bipartisan legislation this year that invests \$5 million into the dual-training grant program for the next biennium.

The earn-as-you-learn approach benefits employers and workers in four select high-demand job sectors: advanced manufacturing, health care services, agriculture and information technology. Sen. Little says he worked on the legislation this session and continues to advocate for the program in order to assist two growing industrial parks in his district.

“Both Lakeville and Farmington have large industrial parks which have struggled to recruit qualified workers. By supporting the PIPELINE Project and making sure local businesses are aware of this innovative approach to hiring workers, we’re helping address the skills gap shortage across Minnesota, and in our own backyards. The economic vitality of many communities, including the south metro, hinges on the success of local businesses – and that’s why I’m doing everything I can to reach across the aisle to form and support ideas that are good for all Minnesotans,” said Sen. Little.

The application window runs from now through July 7. To learn more about the program and to apply, visit: <http://www.ohe.state.mn.us/mPg.cfm?pageID=2196>.

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