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Madison County is offering Free Heavy Equipment Operator & CDL-B License Training

Wampsville, NY – Thanks to a grant from the NYS Department of Labor, Madison County will be offering two rounds of Heavy Equipment Training and CDL-B License training to unemployed or underemployed residents.

Madison County was awarded \$96,900 through the CNY REDC, to train 19 unemployed or underemployed individuals with both Heavy Equipment Operator and CDL-B Licenses. There is a huge demand by employers for individuals who possess both Heavy Equipment Operator and CDL-B licenses. With this training the Madison County Career Center hopes to help fill those positions and help those who are unemployed in our area find a good paying job.

The Heavy Equipment Operator Training will take place at Madison-Oneida BOCES, while the CDLB training will take place at Mohawk Valley Community College Rome Campus.

Participants will begin their training with the Heavy Equipment Operator Program. This is an 8-week program at the MOBOCES Verona Campus. Training will be held Monday-Thursday, 3:00 PM – 8:00 PM and Saturdays 7:00 AM - 3:30 PM. After completion of the Heavy Equipment Operator Program, participants will begin the CDL-B License training at the MVCC Rome Campus. This training will last 2-3 weeks depending on drive time.

These training programs are 100% covered by the grant, there will be no cost to the selected participants. If you would like to participate in this program you must agree to attend both training programs, be able to pass a DOT physical and drug test, must have a valid driver's license and must be 18 years and older. Participants must also live in the Central New York Region (Madison, Onondaga, Oswego, Cayuga and Cortland counties). Priority will be given to Madison County residents.

Class Dates:

- Heavy Equipment Operator will begin the 1st class on April 1st and the 2nd class is projected to begin June 10th
- CDL-B Training will begin once the Heavy Equipment training is completed.

Those interested in participating in this program should call Ellen Bowe or Tom Reichel at the Madison County Career Center (315) 363-2400. Please have applications in for the April 1st start date by March 8, 2019. Please note once all 19 positions for the year are filled applications will no longer be accepted.

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