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Federal grant offers free training for Tulsans

WorkAdvance provides individuals with free, high-quality training and job placement assistance

TULSA, Okla. – Transportation Connections WorkAdvance (TCW), a non-profit organization in downtown Tulsa, is helping unemployed and underemployed Tulsa residents gain access to quality jobs in the transportation industry and then advance in those jobs. TCW provides Tulsa residents with career advancement training, job placement services and specific transportation-related scholarships to local education providers all at no cost. The project meets local business needs by creating a pipeline of qualified pre-screened workers.

Through this grant, full scholarships are being given to students to attend Tulsa Technology Center, 4M Welding, Central Tech and Tulsa Community College. Current training opportunities include: welding, CNC machining, diesel mechanic, commercial driver's license class A, commercial driver's license class A refresher course, and commercial driver's license class B.

Transportation Connections WorkAdvance is currently recruiting applicants for its next training classes which will begin in summer 2013. The last day to apply for training is June 24, 2013. Tulsans can apply for the program by calling (918) 442-2200 or visiting the TCW office any Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. to attend orientation. TCW is located at 907 S. Detroit Ave, Suite 830, Tulsa, OK 74120. Spots are limited.

The project is part of a national multi-city effort to assess the effectiveness of this type of job training initiative and inform public policy. Funding is provided through the federal Social Innovation Fund by the Corporation for National and Community Service, the Center for Economic Opportunity, the Mayor's Fund to Advance New York City, George Kaiser Family Foundation and Tulsa Community Foundation.

About Madison Strategies

Madison Strategies Group is a nonprofit organization. It was founded by a group of workforce development professionals to build upon outstanding business-driven service delivery practices and replicate them on a wider scale. Its mission is to create opportunities for individuals to build stable and productive lives through education, training and professional development experiences that support an evolving business environment. For more information about Madison Strategies, go to www.madisonstrategies.org.

About The Center for Economic Opportunity

The Center for Economic Opportunity (CEO) fights the cycle of poverty in New York City through innovative programs that build human capital and improve financial security. Launched by Mayor Bloomberg in 2006, CEO works with both City agencies and the federal government to implement successful anti-poverty initiatives in New York and partner cities across the United States. CEO oversees rigorous evaluations of each program to determine their effectiveness in reducing poverty, encouraging savings, and empowering low income workers to advance in their careers. For more information about all of CEO's initiatives, go to www.nyc.gov/ceo.

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