

Braided Funding: A Success Story



Cincinnati State Interim President Dr. Monica Posey is joined by Chancellor John Carey; State Reps. Louis Terhar, Denise Driehaus, and Tim Derickson; and other dignitaries for a traditional ribbon-cutting ceremony of Cincinnati State Technical and Community College's new welding lab (April 14).

Ohio TechNet colleges have leveraged funding from a variety of sources to meet talent and technology needs of companies in the advanced manufacturing space. This has led to opportunities for cross-team collaboration within institutions, and lays the groundwork for the sustainability of Ohio TechNet innovations.

Stark State College completed updates to its machining lab in January 2015, using braided funding from TAACCCT grant, the State of Ohio, Ariel and Timken. The Department of Labor contributed \$524,288 via the TAACCCT grant and \$321,585 was leveraged through other sources. Equipment has allowed Stark State College to expand training capabilities in advanced techniques desired by manufacturing companies. The lab is currently in use around the clock due to industry partnerships.

Cincinnati State Technical and Community College opened its state-of-the-art welding lab on its Clifton campus in April 2016. The new lab serves students in the college's associate degree program, as well as those enrolled in short-term certificate programs. The facility offers 12 welding booths and virtual welding resources. This project incorporated braided funding from the TAACCCT grant, the State of Ohio, and a private donor via the Cincinnati State Foundation. Contributions from the TAACCCT grant helped purchase \$164,000 in equipment and other sources totaled to \$197,532.

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