

Deadline January 15th: Manufacturers in Southern Ontario Area May Be Eligible for a Grant of Up to \$50,000 to Support Workforce Training and Innovation

TORONTO, ONTARIO--(Marketwire - Jan. 6, 2010) - The deadline is fast approaching for hundreds of manufacturers in Southern Ontario that are being given an opportunity to provide workforce training and development they would otherwise not be able to afford.

The Yves Landry Foundation, with funding from the Government of Canada through the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario, is offering grants of up to \$50,000 to manufacturers in Southwestern Ontario to pay for training that supports innovation.

The deadline for making a grant application is January 15th, 2010.

["The AIME Initiative \(Achieving Innovation and Manufacturing Excellence\)](#), which was founded in 2008 with support from the Government of Ontario, has been such a success," says Karyn Brearley, Executive Director of the Yves Landry Foundation. "We are now pleased to launch the second phase and continue this program, thanks to the assistance of the Government of Canada."

"We have been seeing remarkable and tangible results from companies that have already received financial support," adds Brearley. "Companies report dramatic improvements in operations, workforce morale, product innovation and management confidence among other things."

Eligible projects:

1. Focus on training to support the adaptation of new technology, processes or procedures or any change within the company to support innovation.
2. Provide training that will support and develop highly skilled personnel in any area that leads to innovation. This can include the development of new engineering skills, training in the use of new software, hardware or other tools necessary to support innovation, retraining to embrace new technologies, new manufacturing methods, or any other business area that will make a manufacturing company in Southwestern Ontario more competitive in the Global marketplace.

Eligible applicants:

Funding is open to all Ontario manufacturing companies in Southern Ontario that meet the following requirements.

- Between 15-1500 employees
- In business consecutively in Ontario for at least 3 years or can demonstrate a solid financial footing
- Manufacturing facility or facilities located in Southern Ontario
- Manufacture a specific product for sale in Ontario or elsewhere

The deadline for grant applications is January 15, 2010. Companies that would like more information about the program should contact the Program Manager at 416-620-5464 or visit the web site at <http://www.yveslandryfoundation.com>, for program details.

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The Yves Landry Foundation, which is administering the program, is a leading proponent of workforce education for Ontario's manufacturing sector. It provides the opportunity for business, education and government to collectively be part of the solution to advance technological education and skills training in order to resolve the skilled labour shortages facing Canadian industries. Founded in 1996, The Foundation is based on the vision, principles and hopes of the late Yves Landry, Chairman and CEO of Chrysler Canada Ltd., from 1990-1998.

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