

Job Seeker Success Story

'Forging' Ahead with Workforce Central

Chris was laid off from Komtech Technologies as a Forging Technician in October of 2014, and found he was having a lot of difficulty replacing his job since there is not a big demand for forge technicians in our area. Chris did a search using JobQuest for his previous position as a forger within a 50 mile radius which resulted in zero jobs available. Chris has some college from the mid-1990s but no formal training beyond that and he did not finish his degree. He was finding that he would need to be retrained for a position that was more marketable since he has a young family he needs to support.

Chris was made aware of Workforce Central through the State's Rapid Response unit- which assists workers at companies facing large lay-offs and/or cases like Chris', where workers are laid off due to foreign competition (funded through the [Trade Readjustment Act](#) [TRA]). Chris decided to come to the career center to file his 1666 and apply for his Trade benefits when he realized that he would need training to update his skills in order to find employment.

Chris met in December 2014 with Jim Scally, who explained the Trade benefits to Chris and how he could best utilize them. Jim recommended he contact Wendy Storm for information on the Mass Manufacturing Extension Partnership's (MassMEP) Computer Numerated Control (CNC) Training program since he seemed like he would be a good fit. Chris contacted Wendy and went to her next available orientation.

Chris attended the Mass Manufacturing orientation, took the testing, and was chosen as a candidate for the next program session which was starting in March. Jim assisted Chris in completing and submitting his Trade plan and other documentation which was ultimately approved.

Chris kept in touch with his counselor and Jim assisted him with any questions or difficulties he had with his benefits as he progressed though his program which he successfully completed as scheduled in May 2015.



Chris received multiple job offers from employers that were involved with the MassMEP training, and he accepted a CNC position with Vaccon Company, Inc. in Medway which pays more than his previous position. He started on June 8, 2015 and is very happy with his outcome. Chris called to personally thank Jim Scally for all the help that was provided. Chris stated that the attention he received and the quick responses to his questions were very much appreciated. Chris was also grateful for what the career center had to offer while he was working his way through the process and wanted to express that.

Congrats, Chris!

For more information regarding the Trade Adjustment Program or Rapid Response services, please contact Joe Mello at JMello@detma.org.