





# **Support Service**

## **Collaboration Wins One for Shrewsbury Business**

Tri-State Trucking was thrilled and very appreciative of how Workforce Central, the Workforce Investment Board of Central Mass (CMWIB) and the State of Massachusetts Division of Apprentice Standards came together to help their business. Representatives from all groups met and discussed the several ways that grants, as well as other benefits, could enhance their pool of job candidates and their company.

Madeleine McGuire from MA Division of Apprentice Standards, Jeff Turgeon from the CMWIB, and John McCarthy and Ann Antunes from Workforce Central, joined Tri-State Trucking managers Jill Wonoski, John Paulik and Brittany Holmes for a collaborative and extensive meeting.

John McCarthy and Ann Antunes discussed the advantages of the On the Job Training (OJT) program, such as reimbursement of up to 90% of a new hire's salary for up to 1,040 hours. During the discussion, other benefits were discussed including the Workforce Training Fund, Work Opportunity Tax Credit, and the Workforce in Safety Standards program. Tri-State Trucking was also interested in the apprentice program, since they have their own program for diesel technicians and wanted to know if they could get assistance for the program they already have started. Ann explained that the grant she was working on has apprentice positions. With detailed research from the CMWIB, a process of both OJTs and apprenticeships being coenrolled was created. Tri-State will also receive a free training grant for the company from the Department of Industrial Accidents Safety Program.

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