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Erie County Technical School Receives Equipment Grants Totaling \$168,000

The Erie County Technical School (ECTS), a Gold Member of the Erie Regional Chamber & Growth Partnership, was recently awarded two equipment grants from the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) for a total of \$168,000. The PDE offers funding opportunities for career and technical education facilities for the purchase of equipment as well as for curriculum development.

ECTS applied matching funds, which enabled the purchase of five Hurco CNC vertical machining centers and three Hurco slant-bed lathes. The new state-of-the-

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G-code, M-code and conversational training on drilling, patterns, multiple operation, pockets with islands, lines and arcs, canned cycles, lettering, cutter compensation and determining angles, speeds and feeds.

Dr. Aldo Jackson, director of ECTS, spearheaded the initiative to upgrade the Tool & Die lab. "Following

art CNC equipment will provide necessary upgrades to the Tool & Die program and will aid in providing the latest technical instruction to high school students.

This new equipment will allow students to machine test parts made out of steel, aluminum and brass. Their training will also include

the recommendation from our Occupational Advisory Committee, we determined that updating the Tool & Die program was essential and a priority," explained Jackson. "The receipt of the equipment grants from the PDE further solidifies our commitment to the machining industry. The new CNC machines will enable us to better train our students to industry standards as well as to provide the necessary training on state-of-the-art equipment," said Jackson. "The addition of the new CNC machines is our way of responding to ongoing requests from business and industry for skilled employees who have a solid understanding of CNC operation," Jackson added.

"The Erie County Technical School recognizes the need for skilled workers and is committed to doing our part in creating a competitive workforce through industry leading technology."





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