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Kinexus gets training grant

BENTON HARBOR — Kinexus has secured a \$47,383 grant from the state of Michigan's Skilled Trades Training Fund to help local manufacturers enhance their workforce through training apprenticeships, Kinexus reported.

The money will supplement the costs for 45 trainees to upgrade their skills in tool and die, mold making or CNC machining.

"Training like this ensures a competitive edge for employers, a path to higher wages for workers and the economic security that our \$1.2 billion manufacturing industry will have skilled workers in the pipeline for years to come," Kinexus Executive Director Todd Gustafson said.

Lake Michigan College will provide the training.

Participating manufacturers include: Dane Systems, Vail Rubber Works, Accu Die & Mold, AUSCO Products, C & S Machine Products, Dura Mold, Gaishin Manufacturing, Great Lakes Precision Machine, Hanson Mold, Kelm Acubar, Mach Mold, M & I Machine, and Niles Precision Co.