## We need your help!

The Heartland Adult Education Career Center has an opportunity to receive funding up to \$5 million with a 20% match requirement.

We'll expand our footprint by constructing a **37,000 square foot** building to create an adult education center that will offer advanced manufacturing & health credentials.



## Preliminary Site Plan

## This expansion will serve:

- Low-income individuals
- Unemployed individuals
- Individuals needing to be upskilled and reskilled
- 🗸 Veterans and eligible spouses
- Ex-offenders
- Adults without a high school diploma and/or with basic skills deficiency and
- Individuals at 151% to 200% of the federal poverty line.



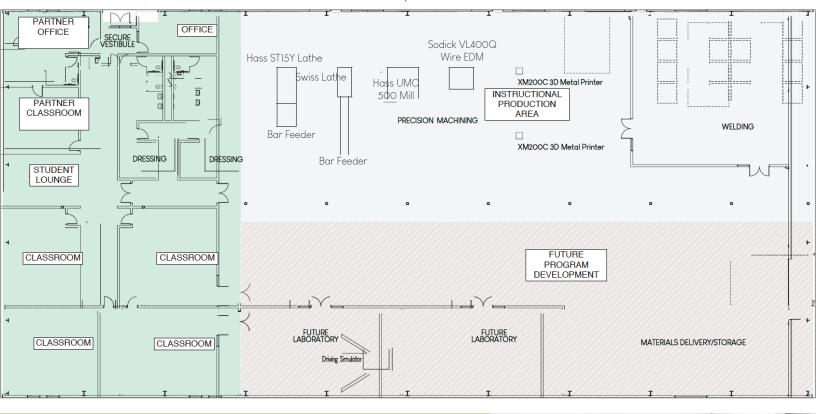


A dedicated adult education center would provide Ford Meter Box with a location for centralized resources & expert educators, fully equipped to meet our manufacturing training needs. Uniform training allows us to respond to skills gaps and offer re-training or paced training to meet more learning styles. With an adult education center nearby, Ford Meter Box would be able to educate more employees and be able to offer more opportunities when only a handful of people need trained on a topic.

Kelly Stouffer, Vice President Human Resources, Ford Meter Box Company The demand for skilled labor is growing! Much of today's industrial needs are driven by new automated technology and held accountable to a high level of process control using fact-based data driven decisions. These skills are typically above and beyond that of which can be offered by traditional high school educational resources. Having training available for these resources will not only help in our search for qualified candidates, but also help keep our employment search local.

Chris Wetherford, Vice President, PaperWorks

## Preliminary Floor Plan



Understanding the Need



1. There are over 17,000 jobs in advanced manufacturing in our region. That's 65% above the national average.



2. In 10 years, there will be 3,744 unfilled jobs.



3. Advanced manufacturing jobs are high wage positions earning approximately \$70,000.



4. The region currently does not have a space or program to support adults earning advanced manufacturing & health credentials.

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