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Manufacturing Upskill Training Program Is A Win-Win for Business and Employees

Funds available to businesses to assist with upgrading the skill level of current employees

FRESNO, CA – Seventy-five (75) existing employees of the Mammoth Mountain Ski Resort in Mono County will take advantage of upskill training funded by the Slingshot Grant put forward by California Governor Jerry Brown and the State of California Workforce Development Board. Acting as fiscal agent for the \$1,350,000 Central Valley Slingshot grant, the Fresno Workforce Board partnered with the Society of Manufacturing Engineers and their Tooling-U training program. Tooling U-SME has been a leader in technical manufacturing training for over 80 years, and launched its first Slingshot training program on Thursday, November 16, 2017 for two California locations in Mammoth Mountain and June Mountain.

Training is conducted over a five-month period and will focus on Mammoth Resorts Lifts and Equipment Maintenance. Employees will receive access to the Tooling U-SME standard online e-learning classes and Knowledge Edge e-library and may progress to Instructor-Led Trainings (ILT), where appropriate. In addition, they will receive training on topics such as Introduction to Mechanical Systems, Safety for Electrical Work, and Introduction to OSHA classes.

Central Valley Slingshot is excited to collaborate with Tooling U-SME and Mammoth Mountain Ski Area to provide the tools to upgrade the skill level of their current employees. Blake Konczal, FRWDB Executive Director stated “this Slingshot program concretely demonstrates the commitment of Governor Jerry Brown and the State of California Workforce Board to maintaining and improving the productivity and employee engagement of California companies.”

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