



- Project **Hometown Investment in Regional Economies (Project HIRE)** is a statewide initiative with funding through the **American Recovery and Reinvestment ACT (ARRA)** to assist **laid off workers** in finding employment which may include short-term classroom training, on-the-job training (OJT) or a combination of both.
- Workers may qualify for funding **up to \$6,000** to help pay for short-term training if training is required as a condition of accepting a bona-fide job offer.
- Dislocated workers employed through **Project HIRE** on-the-job training must remain employed with the business for a minimum of six months after their training is completed.
- OLAs (Ohio Learning Account) will be approved for short-term training programs. All OLA-funded training must be completed by **December 31, 2010**.
- The reimbursement is available for each dislocated worker hired and off-sets the cost of short-term classroom training resulting in degrees, licenses or industry recognized certificates or credentials and/or on the on-the-job training.
- The goal of **Project HIRE** is to help connect and incentivize employers in targeted *growth industries* who have current job openings to hire **dislocated workers** who have or are close to having the necessary skills to fill those positions.
- The objective is to accelerate the reemployment of dislocated workers.

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