

National Dislocated Worker Grants

WORKFORCE OPPORTUNITY FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES (WORC II)

Appalachian Regional Commission and Delta Regional Authority (ARC - DRA)
Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA-ETA-20-04)

Grant Number: MI-35528-20-60-A-47

Advanced Automation and Robotics Center



Areas to be Served: The Memphis Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) including communities in Arkansas, Mississippi and Tennessee

The goal of the WORC grants is to create economic prosperity and gainful employment opportunities for eligible residents in impacted ARC and DRA regions, enabling them to remain and thrive in these communities.


The MidSouth Advanced Automation and Robotics Center (AARC) is an automation and robotics training center of excellence that will be based in Memphis, Tennessee, and will provide the high-tech training the region's workforce needs, both today and into the future. The groundwork to be laid by the AARC will be combined with existing regional workforce development efforts to provide certificate-based training across a range of automation technologies that are critical to the continued success of local material handling and manufacturing companies, providing for long-term employment and regional economic opportunity and success through the development and nurturing of high-quality career pathways and strategies.

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Planned Participants

619



Up to Amount

\$1,013,896



Target Population

Multiple Groups



Period of Performance

9/30/20-9/30/23