

The Baker-Polito Administration has awarded a \$138,000 Advanced Manufacturing Training Program Workforce Development Grant to the **Berkshire County Regional Employment Board Inc. (BCREB)**. The training program will address the short- and long-term workforce development needs of Berkshire County's advanced manufacturing industries by offering Level I and Level II Certifications based on the Massachusetts Advancement Center's Workforce Innovation Collaborative (MACWIC) framework, focused on basic manufacturing, CNC, paper/pulp, and workforce readiness skills. Short-term training will also include basic computer application, how to adapt to shift work, hoisting certification and intro to shield metal arc and gas welding. The program is expected to assist up to 66 unemployed and underemployed individuals.