



## CDL INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT AWARDS SUMMARY

### **Des Moines Area Community College - \$1,000,000**

DMACC has a \$9 million plan to renovate and update the Transportation Institute. This portion of the plan will cost approximately \$1.5 million by supporting the removal of the existing building and constructing a new facility designed to bring together classroom, lab, and skill-building spaces for students to gain the knowledge, tools, and practical experience in the transportation industry. These electrical, plumbing and interior improvements will also allow for increased enrollment and expansion of third-party training and testing services. This grant will allow DMACC to increase annual enrollment in CDL programming from 200 to 300 individuals annually.

### **Eastern Iowa Community College - \$797,000**

Eastern Iowa Community College's (EICC) Commercial Driver's License (CDL) training program currently serves a diverse service area spanning six Iowa counties. Grant funds from this project will be allocated for the site preparation and pouring of three DOT-approved training ranges in Davenport, IA and establishing a new training site in Muscatine, IA, effectively tripling student capacity. Additionally, the project will acquire four tractor-trailer combinations, equipped with modern Electronic Logging Devices (ELDs), and reduce training time from 7 weeks to 4 weeks.

### **Hawkeye Community College - \$1,000,000**

Hawkeye Community College proposes to use grant funds to expand its current Regional Transportation Training Center with 10,000 square feet added to the existing facility, nearly doubling its size. This project includes site preparation, construction and renovation to enhance the current facility. After project completion, Hawkeye anticipates serving 203 potential new drivers annually, for a total impact of 1,125 potential new drivers during the required five-year tuition freeze period.

### **Iowa Lakes Community College - \$240,000**

This program is designed to start a new CDL training program at Iowa Lakes Community College to better serve the demand of CDL drivers in the Iowa Lakes region. Grant funds will be used to purchase one two truck and trailer combinations and simulator to provide teaching and assessment of driving skills in a controlled environment. This program will be offered concurrently to Agriculture, Construction, Farm Equipment & Diesel Technology, and Wind Energy & Turbine students.

### **Iowa Valley Community College - \$68,840**

Iowa Valley Business and Community Solutions will partner with West Marshall School District to provide Class B CDL training. This will allow all school districts within the region to effectively train and hire Bus Drivers. Iowa Valley will use grant funds to purchase a CDL Truck Simulator providing students with the additional driving training in a safe non-threatening environment. Students will complete the theory portion on the training online or in-class, then will have the ability to test their skills on the simulator. Students will then be able to test on-site with the use of West Marshall's buses.

### **Iowa Western Community College - \$214,500**

Since September 2022, IWCC has been offering a CDL driver training program that consists of Hybrid Theory instruction and "behind the wheel" training. This project will allow IWCC to expand and enhance services and to upgrade training equipment, enabling IWCC to better serve rural communities and get more truck drivers on the road, faster. Grant

funds will allow IWCC to purchase two truck-trailer combinations, bus and repurposing current trucks, adding cabin capacity. Funds will also be used to resurface the current lot used for training to ensure safer conditions during training. Iowa Western estimates that they will serve 190 participants over the course of 3 years in partnership with 35 local organizations.

**Northeast Iowa Community College - \$265,000**

Northeast Iowa CDL Expansion (NICE) will build upon the current CDL program and enable NICE to purchase tractor-trailer systems enabling Northeast Iowa to offer more classes and greater flexibility of training around the 8-county district. The project will also be investing in the construction of a storage building which will be used during inclement weather as well as installing a concrete bypass road for training. This bypass will reduce training through campus ensuring the safety of the entire student population at the Peosta Campus.

**Northwest Iowa Community College - \$301,000**

Northwest Iowa Community college will expand its CDL Train and Test CDL program by acquiring vehicles and hiring additional staff to train an additional 90 individuals on an annual basis. This program will use grant funds to site work and construction of a new storage building, two truck-trailer combinations and a bus. These new additions will allow students to move from a learners permit to completion of CDL licensure in rural northwest Iowa.

**Southwest Iowa Community College - \$665,000**

This proposal offered by SWICC will make it possible for an individual to complete the ELDT and associated competencies and testing within a 30-day period. Grant funds from this award will support the construction of an addition to the Agricultural Sciences Center to serve as an indoor pre-trip inspection area during inclement weather as well as storage for the truck-trailer combination. Funds will also be used to pour concrete for the driving and skills range as well as a single cab semi-truck and flatbed trailer. SWICC anticipates being able to serve up to 60 individuals to complete their Class A CDL and estimate 40 individuals will earn their hazardous waste materials endorsement.

**Western Iowa Tech Community College - \$214,500**

The project's goal is to increase the number of students receiving competency-based training including Entry Level Driver Training (ELDT), range assessments, and third-party CDL testing by up to 225 students per year through this additional program location. Specifically, this funding will support the expansion of the property's concrete pad and for the purchase of another semi-truck and flatbed trailer for on-site training purposes.

**Total Amount Awarded: \$4,844,092**

**Number of Projects: 10**

**Estimated Annual Increase of New Certifications: 1,305\***

*\*based on applicant estimates*