
President's High Growth Job Training Initiative
*Upgrading the Nation's Automotive Programs
to Industry Standards*



Grant Amount: \$900,000

Grantee: Gateway Technical College

Key Partners: Snap-on, Inc., Wisconsin Automobile and Truck Dealers Association (WATDA), Automotive Youth Educational Systems (AYES), Melior Institute, National Coalition of Advanced Technology Centers (NCATC), the public workforce system, including Job Corps, and other stakeholders

Leveraged Amount: \$2,110,000, including vehicles and automobile parts

Location of Grant Activities: Nationwide

Challenge: Building capacity and standardizing industry training and education are key workforce challenges the automotive sector has identified. While training programs will be needed for new entrants to this industry, it is important that such programs maintain the standards established by the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation (NATEF).

Addressing the Challenge: Gateway Technical College and its partners will develop a blended training approach with online, classroom, and train-the-trainer features that are accessible to any automotive and collision repair program interested in NATEF certification. A system also will be established to train and update secondary and postsecondary instructors serving as evaluation team leaders throughout the nation.

Projected Outcomes:

- An increase in training and education capacity for the automotive services sector.
- Certification for more industry-standard training programs offered by the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation (NATEF).
- Technical and program assistance to Job Corps automotive technician programs.
- Dissemination of information and guidance on industry standards to over 500 instructors by way of their participation as evaluators.

