



NEMC POWER Workforce Development Program

November 13, 2025

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This NEMC Hub workforce development funding opportunity provides grant funding to NEMC Hub members looking to establish new, or boost existing education or training programs to bolster the microelectronics workforce throughout the Northeast region of the U.S. This funding is intended to address workforce barriers to success. Successful applications will charge the microelectronics ecosystem for growth and deployment, and applicants are encouraged to propose creative and flexible solutions that reflect the unique needs of their communities and the microelectronics industry. Awarded project duration is expected to be approximately one year.

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Employer support:

- Developing and launching an internship or registered apprenticeship program.
- Purchasing key equipment required to expand training capacity and hire more people.

Employee support:

- Providing wrap-around support services (e.g., transportation, childcare) that enable individuals to participate in and complete training or go to work;
- Upskilling incumbent workers to enable growth, resiliency and higher wages; and
- Establishing mentorship programming.

Educational or training institution support:

- Enabling a cross-institution, train-the-trainer model to address instructor shortages;
- Developing curriculum for proven and validated industry needs; and
- Purchasing modern equipment so education and training is up-to-date and relevant to industry standards.

Ecosystem and pathway support:

- Forging regional partnerships to coordinate workforce development efforts across multiple states or jurisdictions;
- Piloting programs to test innovative approaches to workforce development, such as virtual training platforms; and
- Creating clearer career pathways for new talent into the microelectronics industry.

Funding Opportunity Key Takeaways

Eligible applicants include:

- Non-profit entities;
- Workforce intermediaries;
- Community colleges;
- Four-year educational institutions;
- Economic development entities;
- State and local government agencies;
- Workforce boards;
- Private education and training facilities;
- Private companies, including startups, large corporations, and any sized company in-between; and
- Any other entity* that demonstrates presence in the microelectronics industry and can clearly explain how this funding will change their trajectory in the industry.

*Individuals are not eligible for this funding opportunity

Key Dates	
Milestone	Date (Eastern Time)
NOFO Release	November 3, 2025
Informational Webinar	November 13, 2025 11:00AM ET
NOFO Question Submission Deadline	November 20, 2025 5:00PM ET (proposals@masstech.org)
NOFO Submission Deadline	December 15, 2025 5:00PM ET
Anticipated Award Announcement	Early 2026

More Details

Important to note

- You **must** submit a letter of commitment from an employer
 - You could be the employer.
 - You could be partnered with an employer.
 - You could already have a partnership with an employer.
 - You could reach out to an employer and see if they want to partner with your entity.
- Follow the NOFO #1 – we're telling you what we're looking for in an application.
- Follow the NOFO #2 – we're telling you how your application will be evaluated.
- Minimum 20% cost-share required
- **\$1.2 million** available for awarding
- **Estimated Number of Awards :**
Dependent on number of applications
- **Award Amounts:** Dependent on number of awards
- **Period of Performance:** Flexible – approximately 1 year

What's next?



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- **Questions?**

- After today, before you ask or submit a question – please look at the website and NOFO itself.
- Who is eligible for awards? NEMC members – the team is available to help you become a member if you are not currently.
- Be creative!
- NEMC encourages partnerships
- Be sure to engage with the NEMC member portal Members.nemctech.org/atlas
- Submit questions to proposals@masstech.org by November 20, 2025, 5:00 pm ET
- Applications are due December 15, 2025, 5:00 pm ET