



PRESS RELEASE: Goodwill to Host Weatherization Worker Training at Ferris

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Included below is a press release regarding weatherization worker training that will be hosted by Goodwill Industries at Ferris State University May 9-June 6 in Big Rapids. More information can be obtained through the contact information provided in the body of the press release. Any other questions regarding this press release can be directed to Sandy Gholston, interim assistant director of News Services.

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BIG RAPIDS – Goodwill Industries will host weatherization worker training for qualified participants beginning Monday, May 9 and continuing through Monday, June 6 at Ferris State University’s Institute for Construction Education and Training.

Goodwill received a grant to train qualified candidates people who are currently unemployed. The goal is to attract 24 participants to attend the training sessions at the ICET building located at 1020 Maple Street in Big Rapids. The four-week class consists of 68 hours of lecture, 54 hours of practicum and 10 hours of Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) training.

Weatherization workers are the primary installers of weatherization products in the home and take direction from a supervisor. Students who graduate from the program will be knowledgeable in energy efficiency fundamentals, the anatomy of home safety, moisture control, insulation (how it works, types, products selection and installation) and how to repair holes in the thermal envelope. Additionally, students who graduate will have demonstrated proficiency in the following skills:

- caulking
- product selection and application
- drywall installation and repair
- installation and repair of windows and doors
- installation of insulation (fiberglass, cellulose and closed cell foam)
- roof and flashing repair
- basic carpentry (rough and trim)
- sealing heating and air conditioning ducts

- weather-stripping; products selection and application
- setting up and using a blower door

Goodwill is collaborating with Michigan Works and other Mecosta County organizations and people to recruit participants for the course.

For complete information on program eligibility or for additional information, contact Janette Ward at (616) 813-8091 or Cyndi Gaietto at (616) 262-0467, of Goodwill Industries.

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