

Lost Your Job and Running Out of Unemployment Benefits?

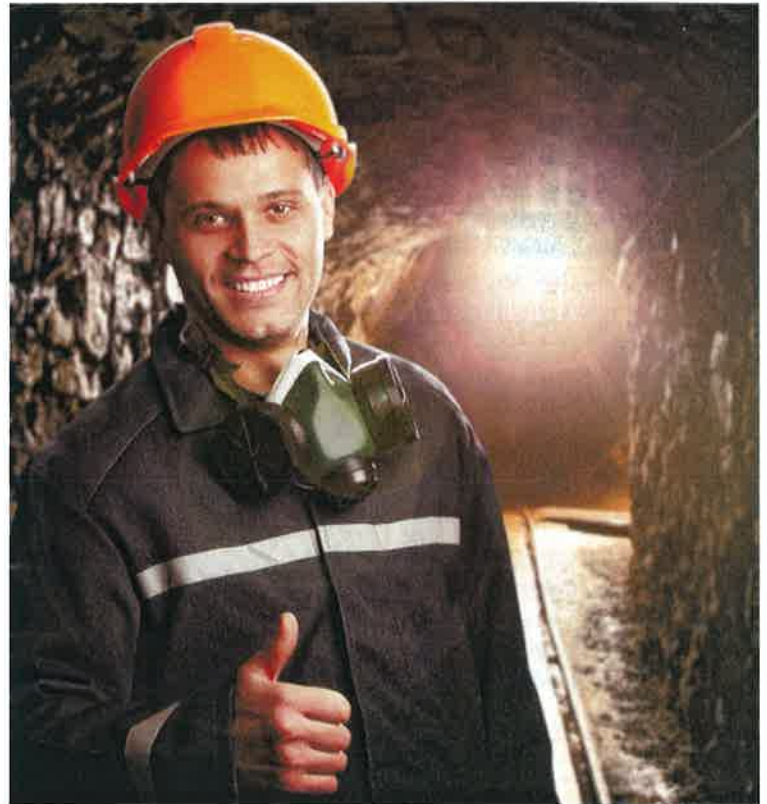
Southwest Virginia Workforce Development Board Can Help!

Laid off from the Coal Industry?

If you have recently lost your job and previously worked in the Coal Industry, you may be eligible for assistance through The (POWER) Partnerships for Opportunity and Workforce Economic Revitalization Dislocated Worker Grant.

Our Program Offers:

- Training Opportunities for Advancement
- Job Placement with Local Companies
- Budgeting & Financial Assistance
- Work Ready Skills Training



“Working Together to Build a Stronger Workforce”



For more information please call
(276)-883-4034 or (276)-883-5038 to
speak with Stephen Mullins, Regional
POWER Grant Coordinator



Disclaimer: Must meet eligibility requirements. Funded by the POWER-RESOURCE FULL National Dislocated Worker Grant (NDWG) Project, the Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act, and The Southwest Virginia Workforce Development Board. Equal Opportunity Employer/Program. Auxiliary Aids and Services are Available upon Request to Individuals with Disabilities. Virginia Relay 711.

Have you been laid off from the coal industry?

Interested in earning a nationally-recognized credential with AWS, NIMS, or Siemens in order to help you land a new job? Need some financial assistance, help with budgeting, or career counseling? Looking for a job? Open to the idea of retraining and retooling at one of our local community colleges? The POWER (Partnerships for Opportunity and Workforce and Economic Revitalization) Initiative is a National Dislocated Worker Grant (NDWG) designed to address some of the negative impacts of the decline of the coal economy in Southwest Virginia. The grant, available through the Southwest Virginia Workforce Development Board-Area I, is specifically designed to help *dislocated coal industry workers*, which includes underground and surface coal miners, as well as non-miners in the coal business supply chain.

<http://www.swvawdb.org/for-job-seekers/power-grant-initiative/>

****Advanced Manufacturing****

The Southwest Virginia Alliance for Manufacturing's (SVAM) Centers of Excellence, www.swvam.org/. SVAM will offer competence testing and training opportunities for credentials in welding, machining, and industrial maintenance (mechatronics) associated with the American Welding Society (AWS), the National Institute for Metalworking Skills (NIMS), and Siemens (SMSCP). These credentials can provide dislocated workers with a pathway to success in advanced manufacturing and other industries.

Mountain Empire Community College (MECC), www.mecc.edu/power. MECC is offering classes in Welding, 3-D Design, and Information Technology (IT), which can provide transferability opportunities for former coal industry workers into advanced manufacturing and other industries.

****Outdoor Recreation and Adventure Tourism****

Southwest Virginia Community College (SWCC), <http://sw.edu/adventure-tourism-outdoor-recreation/>. The Adventure Tourism and Outdoor Recreation classes at SWCC allow one to earn nationally-recognized credentials in tourism and outdoor recreation. Adventure Tourism provides entrepreneurial training designed to prepare graduates to establish a small business to support and provide tourism/recreational related products and services.

NOTE:

Candidates for these training opportunities must first meet eligibility requirements under WIOA's Dislocated Worker (DW) program. See <http://www.elevatevirginia.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/VWL-15-02-WIOA-Dislocated-Worker-Eligibility-Attachment-B.pdf>. Priority of Service: Veterans and spouses of certain veterans receive priority of service for the receipt of employment, training, and placement services in any workforce preparation program directly funded, in whole or in part, by the Department of Labor. Under the POWER Initiative, the terms *coal industry* and *coal economy* are used to refer to the complete supply chain of coal-reliant industries. This includes, but is not limited to: coal mining, coal-fired power plants, and related transportation, logistics, and supply chain manufacturing. This region-wide effort brings together a number of agencies and groups that deal with both workforce and economic development. To be referred to a Workforce Development Specialist who can explain your options, contact Stephen Mullins, Regional POWER Grant Coordinator with the Southwest Virginia Workforce Development Board-Area I in Lebanon, at 276/883-5038 or smullins@wiaone.com.