

Press Release:

ICTC BIS Wins National Training Award



*Pictured with the 2017 ACTE PACE Outstanding Training Activity Award (left to right):
Jill Brady, Safety Coordinator; Jerry Hooper, Industrial Coordinator;
April C. Murelio, Industrial Coordinator; and Kathy Adair, BIS Director.*

Indian Capital Technology Center's Business & Industry Services (BIS) division recently received national recognition for a collaborative project with Tulsa Community College that provided OSHA 30 safety training to more than 1,000 employees throughout Muskogee, Sallisaw, Stilwell, and Tahlequah and across Oklahoma.

The Association for Career & Technical Education Post-Secondary Adult and Career Education division (ACTE PACE) recognized ICTC BIS with its 2017 Outstanding Training Activity Award during its national conference in Las Vegas, Nevada.

In November 2015, Tulsa Community College asked ICTC to participate in a U.S. Department of Labor/Education & Training Administration career-training grant. Using federal grant funds, TCC developed the Advanced Manufacturing and Related Pathways Program and needed to train at least 1,000 people across Oklahoma between July 1, 2015 and March 31, 2016.

While the program experienced some successes, by late November, TCC felt pressed to meet that 1,000 target. It needed partners who could mobilize quickly and deliver industry-demanded training, so TCC turned to ICTC and three other technology centers across the state.

Surpassing its original training goal of 80, ICTC provided OSHA 30 training to 134 individuals from 27 small businesses, non-profits, and large companies. By leveraging grant funds, ICTC charged only \$25 per person, which included all training materials and the OSHA card. This

price point enabled ICTC to serve its small businesses and non-profits who could not have otherwise afforded to send employees to OSHA 30 training, which can typically run around \$695 per person in the private sector. ICTC also used grant funds to send staff and adjunct instructors through OSHA 30 Construction and General Industry Train-the-Trainer courses.

“In a time of tight budgets, we recognized this partnership with TCC as a tremendous opportunity to leverage federal funds, expand our training capacity, and meet the safety training needs of our customers well beyond the life-cycle of the grant partnership,” said Kathy Adair, ICTC BIS Director.

Although three other technology center districts participated, including two large metropolitan districts, ICTC reached more employers and individuals.

“The effort ICTC put forth in this collaborative is commendable. Of more than 1,000 total students served under the grant, ICTC trained 10% of them. Moreover, reaching and exceeding our goal would have been impossible without this partnership and the hard work and dedication of ICTC BIS,” said Beth Wild, TCC’s Director of Continuing Education.