

Durham Among Cities Slated To Help Train Veterans For Hard-To-Fill Manufacturing Jobs

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Some of the nation's leading manufacturing companies are launching a program to help veterans gain the skills necessary to fill some of the estimated 600,000 high-tech, manufacturing jobs that remain open because employers can't find qualified applicants.

The manufacturers say the program will be initially offered in 10 cities. Dailyfinance.com reports that Durham is among the cities slated to host training in 2013 as part of the program managed by the Manufacturing Institute and aided by corporations including GE, Boeing, Alcoa, and Lockheed Martin. The companies will work with local community and technology colleges to offer training and to put veterans on a fast track to obtaining certification in such areas as electronics, welding and machining.

The effort to hire more veterans will also involve working with employers to help them more effectively recruit veterans.

The unemployment rate for veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan is about 2 percentage points higher than the national unemployment rate of 7.8 percent.

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