



January 23rd, 2020

The Honorable Gretchen Whitmer
Governor
P.O. Box 30013
Lansing, MI 48909

Dear Governor Whitmer,

On behalf of TGW Systems, we would like to express our appreciation for the workforce development services provided by the West Michigan Works! team.

TGW is an innovative expanding company with a strong representation in Michigan providing material handling solutions all over North America and the world. The growth and demand for conveyors, shuttles, robotics and cranes is due to the heavy growth pattern of ecommerce and distribution center solutions for timely delivery. TGW was founded in the U.S. along the Lakeshore back in 1960 with 10 employees focused on manufacturing conveyors for automated solutions. We have since grown to over 450 employees in Michigan alone.

Our company originally connected with West Michigan Works! because we needed assistance with recruiting talent and upskilling our workforce. Help from their team, along with funding assistance from the GoingPRO Talent Fund, has greatly benefitted our organization this year. Thanks to this grant, we were able to send several of our employees to Leadership, Project Management, and other technical trainings. Additionally, we were able to hire and train over 12 new employees. Grand Rapids is highly competitive when it comes to recruiting and retaining talent, especially in the manufacturing sector, so we are incredible grateful for all the assistance!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Leigh Baker'.

Leigh Baker
Manager of Recruitment and Retention
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