



12/30/2019

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

Dear Governor Whitmer,

On behalf of River City Mechanical, I would like to express our appreciation for the workforce development services provided by West Michigan Works! We are a mechanical contractor with 106 employees working primarily in the West Michigan market for the past 30 years. We specialize in commercial, medical and industrial work providing HVAC, plumbing and medical gas piping services.

I connected with West Michigan Works! because I needed assistance with the high cost of training incoming field staff. River City Mechanical offers a company paid apprentice program that is certified with the State of Michigan, the Department of Labor, and with Veteran Affairs, as well as on the job training. We believe investing in our staff to be the best-trained workers in the trade ensures we safely deliver quality workmanship to our clients. Michigan Works! helped me reach my goal of subsidizing the cost of our on the job training as well as our classroom setting.

My company has benefited by working with West Michigan Works! because the funds we've recovered from the STTF Grant were able to be channeled into our bonus pool to benefit our employees. What I find most valuable about partnering with West Michigan Works! is assistance with finding qualified workers. College is not the only option for a rewarding and high paying career. West Michigan Works! understands this and works with us to find candidates who are willing to put forth the effort to turn a job into a career.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steven Boersma", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Steven Boersma
Controller
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