

July 17, 2019

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

Dear Governor Whitmer,

On behalf of Weiss Technik North America, Inc.; I would like to express appreciation for the workforce development services provided by West Michigan Works! The product Weiss Technik manufactures is custom and requires a very skilled workforce to produce. Weiss Technik specializes in custom manufacturing of environmental testing chambers. These chambers are used around the world for consumer product testing and much, much more. www.weiss-na.com

The skills required involve combined electrical, HVAC, refrigeration, cabinet building, welding, soldering, and brazing expertise and with stainless steel no less. As with most company's today, Weiss Technik finds it difficult to recruit candidates who already have these combined skills. It is grant programs like "GoingPro" and the support of West Michigan Works! that allows our company to be successful in providing development and training internally so that we can better support the expectations of our customers with high quality products.

The most valuable part of the "GoingPro" grant is how it connects community. By offering these grants, WNA is supported to provide the needed skilled trades training which then allows our company to grow, expand, and keep providing workforce opportunities in West Michigan.

Sincerely,



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