

Quick Response Training



The **Quick Response Training (QRT)** Program is customer-driven and designed as an inducement to secure new value-added businesses to Florida as well as provide existing businesses the necessary training for expansion. Through this incentive, Florida is able to effectively retain, expand and attract employers offering high-quality jobs. The program is flexible and structured to respond quickly to meet the business's training objectives.

The program is administered by CareerSource Florida, Inc., in conjunction with Enterprise Florida, Inc., and the Department of Education. Prior to an allocation of funds, a grant agreement will be prepared between the business or industry requesting QRT funds, the educational institution receiving funding, and CareerSource Florida, Inc. Eligible reimbursable training expenses include: instructors'/trainers' salaries, curriculum development, and textbooks/manuals.

Eligibility

- Eligible projects are new or expanding/existing Florida businesses that produce exportable goods or services, create new permanent, full-time jobs and employ Florida workers who require customized entry-level skills training.
- Training can be conducted at the business's own facility, at the training provider's facility, or at a combination of sites that best meets the needs of the business.
- Program instructors can be either full or part-time educators, vendors, subject matter experts or professional trainers from the business.
- Special consideration will be given to businesses that:
 - Create high skill/high wage jobs
 - Are in one of Florida's qualified targeted industries
 - Locate in a distressed urban or rural area, Enterprise Zone, or Brownfield area;
 - Have the greatest potential for economic impact;
 - And contribute in-kind or cash matches.

Application Process

- An application and guidelines may be downloaded from: CareerSource Florida, Inc.
- Businesses requesting training submit a completed application to:

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Approval Process

- CareerSource Florida staff will communicate to the applicant and/or the fiscal agent within three working days from receipt of an application as to whether or not the application is complete.
- Funding recommendations will be made within ten working days of receipt of a complete application, unless other action is required.

Award

- A local, state educational entity – community college, area vocational-technical center or university – is selected by the business to serve as the fiscal agent for the grant funds and is available to assist in the application process, program development and delivery. Training is limited to twenty-four months or less.
- After a grant is approved, CareerSource Florida enters into a grant agreement with the business and training provider participating in the project.
- If the QRT application is approved, the business is required to post the new hire positions through one of Florida's nearly 100 locally administered career centers. The career centers all are partners in the CareerSource Florida network and can be located at careersourceflorida.com.

Statutory Reference: [Section 288.047, Florida Statutes](#)