

**We are pleased to announce: the following Boston APICS educational programs are
Massachusetts State funding approved !**

- **Fundamentals of Materials and Operations Management**
- **Certified in Production & Inventory Management (CPIM)**
 - **Certified Supply Chain Professional (CSCP)**
 - **Project Management Professional (PMP & CAPM)**

APICS the Association for Operations Management is the global leader and premier source of the body of knowledge in operations management, including production, inventory, supply chain, materials management, purchasing, and logistics. Since 1957, individuals and companies have relied on APICS for its superior training, internationally recognized certifications, comprehensive resources, and worldwide network of accomplished industry professionals. APICS builds knowledge and skills in operations management professionals to enhance and validate abilities and accelerate careers. We help our members and their organizations successfully compete and build a stronger global economy.

APICS addresses the needs of industry with education and networking. Networking opportunities abound at the local level through each one of its hundreds of domestic and international chapters. At the headquarters level many, many volunteers serve a variety of functions from subject matter experts managing the “APICS Body of knowledge” to someone working to help make the international conference a success. At the local level APICS members serve tirelessly within their local chapters as administrators, organizers, presenters and instructors. APICS provides multi level opportunities. Educational options within APICS are rich and varied. From specialized Workshops to Fundamental Principles of Operations Management to the Certification programs: Certified in Production and Inventory Management (CPIM) and Certified Supply Chain Professional, (CSCP).

Boston APICS also recognizes that today’s operations expert will likely be called upon to assist with a variety of projects from time to time over and above their “normal” responsibilities. Why? Because APICS educated people know how to get the right things done *correctly*. Someone knowledgeable about the interrelationships and inter dependencies within the modern organization should be a leader or team member in projects shaping the future of the organization. However, success in projects is often elusive. Boston APICS believes the Operations professional who combine their APICS knowledge with professional Project Management skills is an enormous asset to the company and the education itself an enormous benefit to the individual. Because of this Boston APICS recognizes the PMI organization and offers their certification programs: Project Management Professional (PMP) and Certified Associate in Project Management (CAPM).

Massachusetts Workforce Training Funds program FAQ's

What is the Massachusetts Workforce Training Funds program?

The Workforce Training Fund is a state fund enacted into law in July 1998 and financed entirely by Massachusetts employers.

Who is eligible to receive benefits from the Workforce Training Fund Programs?

All trainees must be employed in Massachusetts. Trainees cannot be government employees. The business applying for a grant must pay into the Workforce Training Fund and must be current with its unemployment insurance payments.

Who can apply?

Companies of any size are eligible to apply under the “*General*” grant program. Businesses with 50 or fewer employees will use the “*Express*” grant program”.

What is the difference between the *Express* grant program and the *General* grant program?

Express Grant Program:

- The express grant program is only available to small companies with 50 or fewer employees and there are no deadlines; application can be submitted at anytime.
- Grant decisions are made within 21 days from filing the application.
- Training may begin 6 weeks from the date of application.
- The business or labor organization must pay at least 50 percent of the training costs. It will be reimbursed 50 percent of the total cost of training after the training is completed.
- Applicant will chose from database of pre-qualified courses.
- Total grant request cannot exceed \$15,000; \$3,000 per course per trainee.
- Training must be completed in 12 months or less.

General Grant program:

- Applications may be submitted at any time but will be reviewed according to published deadlines. Grant decisions are made approximately 60 days after the application deadline
- Grant match by the applicant and/or its partners can be cash or in-kind.
- Grant payments are made throughout the life of the grant.
- Grants over \$250,000 and up to \$1 Million may be awarded. Criteria for these grants are the same as for all WTF grants; however, those training programs resulting in significant job creation and job retention will receive additional consideration.
- Training programs must be completed within 24 months.

How can I learn more?

- www.bostonapics.org: See *Workforce training fund program* on home our page.
- www.Mass.gov/wtf: 50 Employee Company or less use *Express* otherwise *General*. When in the Mass WTF site: Select General or Express, then Training Options, then Training Directory; then key *APICS* or *Project Management* into the course title block.
- To set up a phone conference and/ or a meeting at your place, e mail Boston APICS at drivers3@verizon.net.