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**Governor Wolf Details a Different Path Forward
in Allentown, Announces His Plan to Support
Job Training, Manufacturing**
*Wolf Highlights New Manufacturing Grant,
Apprenticeship Programs*

Allentown, PA – Today, Governor Tom Wolf joined Department of Community and Economic Development Secretary Dennis Davin, and local business and community leaders at the Carpenters Apprentice School in Allentown to discuss the different approach he is taking to Pennsylvania’s budget and outline his plans to improve workforce training and create jobs.

“Over the last two years I have worked to increase the number of residents with college degrees and high-value industry-recognized credentials while expanding economic opportunities for residents and businesses,” said Governor Wolf. “Today, I am happy to highlight how these plans will benefit the Lehigh Valley region through increased support of training and apprenticeship opportunities for all Pennsylvanians.”

The governor’s budget includes an initiative to support manufacturing that links job training to career pathways, ensuring that training leads not simply to any job, but to careers that provide higher pay and opportunities for advancement.

“It’s an honor to host Governor Wolf at our new training facility where we will be training the next generation for family-sustaining wages in the construction industry,” said Kevin Lott, former president of the Lehigh Valley carpenters union, Local 167 of the Northeast Regional Council of Carpenters. “The Carpenters Joint Apprenticeship Training Program allows carpenter apprentices to earn wages and benefits that enable them to provide for themselves and their families, while learning from the most-experienced professionals both in the classroom and on-site. We appreciate Governor Wolf’s commitment to supporting the middle-class.”

We’ve created or retained more than 30,000 jobs in the Lehigh Valley, leveraged more than \$848 million in outside funding, and have provided direct funding of over 100 million dollars to the Lehigh Valley. Governor Wolf’s budget proposal will continue and expand upon the successes we’ve already accomplished, so that the Lehigh Valley and the rest of Pennsylvania can continue to thrive.

The 2017-18 budget continues to invest in 21st century manufacturing, workforce development and training programs while also implementing new safeguards to ensure taxpayer dollars for economic development projects are spent appropriately and intended outcomes are met.

Governor Wolf plans on investing in job creation by:

- **Partnering with the commonwealth’s research universities and Industrial Resource Centers** to accelerate manufacturing technology advancement and adoption, foster manufacturing innovation and commercialization, and build a 21st century workforce.
- **Creating a new apprenticeship grant program** to ensure workers can receive training aligned to business workforce needs, funded with revenue recovered from companies that fail to live up to previous commitments made when they received state assistance.

- **Investing \$5 million in a manufacturing training-to-career grant program** to partner with technical programs and community colleges to develop new training programs that align with their workforce needs.

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