



Bluegrass State Skills Corporation (BSSC)

The Bluegrass State Skills Corporation (BSSC) was established in 1984 by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky as an independent, de jure corporation to stimulate economic development through programs of skills training to meet the needs of business and industry. The BSSC works with business and industry and the State's educational institutions to establish programs of skills training. The BSSC is attached to the Cabinet for Economic Development for administrative purposes, in recognition of the relationship between economic development and skills training efforts.

The BSSC's four main functions are:

- To facilitate and administer Kentucky's industry specific training efforts through training grants and Skills Training Investment Credits approved by the BSSC Board of Directors;
- To act as a broker, by coordinating the resources of providers of skills training and employment services;
- To facilitate the creation of public/private partnerships through education and training programs designed to meet unfilled training needs of individual and multiple (training consortia) company training projects; and
- To administer any special State appropriation for industry specific training.

The BSSC's basic purpose is to improve and promote employment opportunities for the residents of the Commonwealth through training grants and investment credits for skills training programs.

The BSSC provides training grants for training of workers of Kentucky's new and expanding companies and for skills and occupational upgrade training for workers of Kentucky's existing companies. The current statutory authority for the BSSC and the Grant-in-Aid program is KRS 154.12-204 to 154.12-208. The Skills Training Investment Credit program can only be accessed by qualified existing companies that have been engaged in a qualified activity within Kentucky for not less than three years. The current statutory authority for the Investment Credit program is KRS 154.12-2084 to 154.12-2089. BSSC grants and Investment Credit applications are subject to:

- The company (jointly with an educational institution if applicable) providing a valid training plan to the BSSC for review and approval, through the Grant-in-Aid and Skills Training Investment Credit application processes, which would be consistent with BSSC guidelines;
- The company committing financial resources as required by Kentucky Revised Statutes and BSSC guidelines; and



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- The BSSC Board of Directors approving the required Grant-in-Aid or Skills Training Investment Credit application. The BSSC Board of Directors meets on the last Friday of every other month, and completed, signed applications are due in the BSSC office the 15th day of the month preceding the month in which a board meeting is scheduled. Specific board meeting dates and application submission deadlines are available on the BSSC web site.

The BSSC, in cooperation and coordination with other state employment and training organizations, has the capability to customize a comprehensive program of skills training services for new, expanding, and existing industries.

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