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## Cincinnati State part of BioOhio workforce retraining project

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**BioOhio** has won a \$5 million federal grant to partner with **Cincinnati State Technical and Community College**, and other Ohio community colleges, to retrain displaced workers.

The grant, from the U.S. Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration, will implement BioOhio's Ohio Bioscience Industry Workforce Preparedness project. It aims to retrain 660 displaced or underemployed workers in declining industries for biomedical careers.

The funding will also help train 40 biomedical workers to move into higher-level positions, freeing up entry-level jobs.

"Bioscience's emergence as a key growth industry on Ohio can only be maintained with an abundance of well-qualified workers," said Tony Dennis, BioOhio president and CEO, in a news release.

The project will focus on Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton and Toledo, with the colleges serving as leaders of regional efforts that will involve employers, labor groups and nonprofit organizations. In Southwest Ohio, biomedical partners include Amylin Pharmaceuticals in West Chester; Alkermes Inc. in Wilmington; and Eurand Pharmaceuticals and IMDS in Vandalia.

Besides Cincinnati State, other participating schools include: Columbus State Community College, Cuyahoga Community College, Lakeland Community College, Owens Community College and Sinclair Community College.

Columbus-based BioOhio is a nonprofit organization supported by the **Ohio Department of Development's** Thomas Edison Program.

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