871—70.3(84J) Program eligibility. To be eligible for financial assistance under the program, an applicant must propose the construction of a new training facility, construction to expand an existing training facility in accordance with the definition of "construction of new facilities" in rule 871—70.2(84J), or the procurement of equipment that will expand the capacity to educate and train workers in high-demand fields in Iowa.

70.3(1) *Employer demand.* Applicants must provide evidence of employer demand for the skills and abilities to be taught via the training and education or apprenticeship program for which an applicant applies.

70.3(2) *Expand capacity.* The project must directly result in an increase in the number of workers in high-demand fields in this state.

70.3(3) *Internet-based education or training.* Projects to increase internet-based education or training are ineligible for financial assistance under this program.

70.3(4) *Priority given for nonduplicative training.* Priority will be given to projects that meet the definition of "nonduplicative training" in rule 871—70.2(84J).

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