

On Monday March 14, 2005, the Machine Shop Association of W.N.Y. held their monthly March meeting. At that meeting a motion was made to request that the Workforce Investment Board place Machinist and a CNC Machinist occupations on their Needed Occupations List. The motion was seconded and a discussion held. The conclusion of the group is that the number of trained qualified individuals entering the machinist labor market does not meet current demands to the extent many of us have simply stopped advertising our openings.

I request the Workforce Investment Board add Machinist and CNC Machinist to the list of needed occupations.

With the closing of Metalworking Institute, a significant void has occurred in the availability of persons available with even basic machinist skills. I, therefore, encourage the WIB to support the training of Machine Shop trades.

As a Machine Shop owner, I can attest to the lack of qualified help. Newspaper ads normally result in a parade of unqualified untrained personnel, which simply waste owner's time.

If there is any other way I can be of assistance in this matter please contact me.

Respectfully Yours