

## ATTENTION WORKFORCE PROFESSIONALS AND AUTO INDUSTRY WORKERS:

On October 26, 2006, the U.S. Department of Labor announced that five states, including Ohio, are participating in a new pilot program called Career Advancement Accounts (CAAs) to provide education and training for auto industry workers. Workers impacted by the Ford and GM plant closures, as well as impacted employees of supplier companies and communities, will be eligible to apply for CAAs. Career Advancement Accounts (CAAs) can be used to pay for short-term training and education expenses (such as tuition, books and fees) directly related to improving job skills.

Ohio anticipates the CAA Program will begin in March 2007. Ohio-specific information will be posted on this page as the program details are finalized.

### What are Career Advancement Accounts (CAAs)?

Career Advancement Accounts are individualized accounts that allow auto industry workers to quickly gain skills needed to successfully enter, navigate and advance in 21<sup>st</sup> century jobs. CAAs must be used for education and training expenses. Approximately 950 Career Advancement Accounts, up to \$3,000 each, will be established in Ohio during the first year. Ohio may be eligible to receive funds for two years.

### Who is eligible for Career Advancement Accounts?

Employed and unemployed workers impacted by Ford Motor Company and General Motors plant closures or shift reductions are eligible to apply for Career Advancement Accounts. The CAA program is designed for impacted individuals who have limited access to other education and training resources (i.e. Trade Eligible Individuals are not eligible for CAAs). CAAs are best suited for individuals seeking short-term training.

### Where do I apply?

Applications will be accepted beginning March 2007 at One-Stop Centers across Ohio. For the location nearest you, visit: [www.ohioworkforce411.gov/jobseekers/onestopmap.stm](http://www.ohioworkforce411.gov/jobseekers/onestopmap.stm) Updated information will be posted at [www.ohioworkforce411.gov](http://www.ohioworkforce411.gov)

### How can Career Advancement Accounts be used?

CAAs must be used to pay for expenses directly related to education and training that would facilitate a return to the workforce. Career Advancement Accounts may be used with a wide variety of training and education providers, including community colleges, trade and technical schools. States are required to validate the credibility and accountability of the training and service providers.

### What career services are available?

Ohio's One-Stop System provides a range of employment services including job search assistance, assessment, job matching services, job placement assistance and basic career counseling. Individuals may apply for Career Advancement Accounts at the one-stop centers, and receive assistance related to the pilot program and other training services which are available.

### Links to National Career Advancement Account Information:

Department of Labor Fact Sheet: [www.doleta.gov/pdf/CAA%20Auto%20Demo%20One-Pager%20-%20FINAL.pdf](http://www.doleta.gov/pdf/CAA%20Auto%20Demo%20One-Pager%20-%20FINAL.pdf)

Department of Labor Press Release: [www.doleta.gov/whatsnew/new\\_releases/2006-10-26.cfm](http://www.doleta.gov/whatsnew/new_releases/2006-10-26.cfm)