

CORONAVIRUS RELIEF PROJECT REPORT

Employer Innovation Fund

Quotes from program participants (there were many more, this is just a selection)

“Please extend my thanks to the people responsible for giving me the opportunity to learn and get a qualification in welding at IPI. This opportunity gave me the experience i need to confidently go to an employer and say that i have the technical skills and knowledge needed to weld efficiently. The experience has proven to be and will continue to be invaluable in my future employment endeavors.”

- Justin F., program participant, North Central Correctional Facility

“I would like to thank IPI and NCCF for giving me the opportunity to acquire my second welding qualification. I am happy to say that this qualification puts me one step closer to becoming a welding instructor. During the qualification I was able to help guys with their qualification, and work one on one with the instructor and learn a new skill. Thank you again for allowing me the opportunity.”

- Nathan C, program participant and instructor/coach, North Central Correctional Facility

“What I realized after completing the AWS qualification is that I gained confidence and proved to myself I could do it. I gained confidence in my welding skills and this will help me to gain employment once I am granted a release.”

- Shawn B., program participant, North Central Correctional Facility

“Passing the AWS qualification test has given me a lot more confidence in my welding abilities and I’m actively seeking a welding career through Iowa Workforce. I feel this is a big step towards becoming a productive member of society. I hope that this is shared with my treatment team and parole board.”

- Michael M., program participant, North Central Correctional Facility

“Thank you for the opportunity to expand my knowledge in the field of welding. I’d like to see more chances for future generations of inmates to gain from the apprenticeship programs available. It would help show the parole board members that we’re trying to better ourselves and preparing to re-enter society.”

- Zach D., program participant, North Central Correctional Facility



Examples of AWS test samples that were submitted by the program participants

