

Program Overview

The Quick Response Training program, is designed to increase the competitiveness of Florida businesses in the global economy. In existence since 1993 and lauded by economic developers and national business groups, the program continues to play a vital role in the state's overall economic development efforts. The Quick Response Training program provides grant funding for customized, skills-based curriculum development and training, through partial reimbursement, to new or expanding businesses in Florida's targeted industries ([qualified targeted industries](#)). These are high-skill industries with exportable goods or services and wages of 125 percent above state or local wages.

The program is cited by economic developers as the number one program with the largest impact on their ability to win multi-state contracts. Furthermore, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the National Chamber Foundation have recognized the success of the Quick Response Training program over the past several years in their annual rankings.

The Quick Response Training application process is designed as a collaborative effort between the business requesting training, its chosen fiscal agent – a community or state college, area technical center or state university – and the local economic development organization. [See section 288.047(3), *Florida Statutes*.]

The program is a state-funded grant program that provides funding to qualifying businesses to train their net new, full-time employees. Funding is provided in the form of a performance-based reimbursable grant, for a 12-month maximum term. A business pays for pre-approved, direct training-related costs and is reimbursed by CareerSource Florida, through the fiscal agent, upon submission of required documentation.

All applications for new and expanding businesses creating new high-quality jobs will be given equal consideration and are processed on a first-come, first-served basis.

For Employers:

- Increased Competitiveness
- Skilled Workforce
- Increased Productivity
- Increased Profits
- Company Growth
- Reduced Turnover

For Employees:

- Advancement Opportunities
- Increased Job Opportunities
- Job Retention
- Transportable/Transferrable Skills