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**New Century Careers to help workers, companies adopt digital learning  
with \$200,000 Richard King Mellon Foundation Career Readiness for All Ages Grant**

*Pittsburgh, PA – March 21, 2022* -- New Century Careers today announced it is the recipient of a \$200,000 Richard King Mellon Foundation Career Readiness for All Ages Grant. New Century Careers will use the grant to help manufacturing sector workers and companies adopt digital learning.

This Foundation investment area focuses on advancing the education, training, and development of adults in the region to help all adults gain the skills and training necessary to succeed in the evolving economy. It also seeks to help build and support people-centered workforce systems, career pathways, and pipelines to employment that accommodate the many different ways adults map their careers.

The Foundation prioritized submissions that enabled residents to benefit from integrated education and workforce development systems; build 21st century skills; complete applied, work-based learning; and develop their own career pathways.

“The mission of New Century Careers parallel’s the Foundation’s goals,” said Neil Ashbaugh, NCC president and CEO. “We are grateful for this substantial grant to digitize sections of our curriculum to augment our pre-apprenticeship and credentialing training to better prepare students to adapt to the technology of the advanced manufacturing workplace.”

NCC will use a platform developed by Rewyndr, a Pittsburgh-based company that provides a mobile web application for visual work instructions and remote training for workers performing physical work. “The advantages of the platform will significantly enhance our content, lower the entry-level skill required for participants, accelerate learning and enable feedback from remote site coaches and trainers,” Ashbaugh noted.

NCC also will pilot a Digital Learning Alliance to help an extended network of employers begin to adopt digital training. “SMEs and their workers struggle to adopt and leverage technology for growth,” Ashbaugh explained. “As NCC’s competence in digital instruction grows, we can also offer support for member companies to transition their training content to digital formats,” he added.

World-Class Industrial Network (WIN), a project development and management consulting firm with interdisciplinary experts that enable clients to tackle problems and seize opportunities by looking beyond traditional solutions, will manage the projects. The WIN Digital Solutions team has collaborated with Rewyndr for several years.

“Helping our adult workers to compete successfully for high-quality careers in the evolving economy requires that we find and deploy the most effective ways to deliver skills training,” said Sam Reiman, director of the Richard King Mellon Foundation. “We are pleased to support New Century Careers in their efforts to do exactly that.”

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**About New Century Careers:** *New Century Careers is a nonprofit manufacturer and technical skills development organization serving the Southwestern Pennsylvania region through inclusive access to technical training opportunities while helping employers find and develop technicians seeking purpose, passion and success in the workplace. [www.ncsquared.com](http://www.ncsquared.com)*

**About the Richard King Mellon Foundation:** *Founded in 1947, the Richard King Mellon Foundation is the largest foundation in Southwestern Pennsylvania, and one of the 50 largest in the world. The Foundation's 2020 year-end endowment was \$3.1 billion, and its Trustees in 2020 disbursed \$130 million in grants and Program Related Investments. The Foundation focuses its funding on six primary program areas, delineated in its 2021-2030 Strategic Plan. [www.rkmf.org](http://www.rkmf.org)*