

Yves Landry Foundation AIME Program Advancing Innovation and Manufacturing Excellence

Examples of innovation initiatives that may meet the requirements of the AIME initiative and may be eligible for financial support:

Example One:

- The company is currently using software in the engineering design and development process and in the Product Development Phase (PDP). The company recognises, however, that they are not utilizing all of the capabilities of the software or that if the software were upgraded, additional capabilities would be available. YLF would support the up-skilling or retraining of employees in order to utilise the new or more advanced software.

Example Two:

- The company is using a material or process that if modified or replaced with a new material or process could result in reduced costs, better product quality or enhanced product features. YLF can fund the training to better equip company employees to investigate the use of alternative materials or processes or to advance the use of new materials. Once a new process or material has been established YLF can fund the training of all employees including production staff, quality inspectors and others associated with the product or process to implement the new process in the manufacturing facility.

Example Three:

- The company is implementing new safety procedures or new safety equipment that makes the manufacturing process safer and more robust. YLF can fund the training for all employees associated with the implementation of the new safety procedures or equipment.

Example Four:

- The company is installing new equipment including manufacturing equipment, test equipment automation or mistake proofing processes that will support the implementation of an innovative new product, to make in an existing process more efficient or to provide the company with new products and capabilities to support business growth. YLF can fund the training associated with all employees that must be retrained to use the new equipment or process.

Example Five:

- The company is developing new packaging materials (dunnage), implementing returnable containers or adapting advanced delivery features such as RFID devices and needs to retrain employees in these new processes. A training to support this improvement may be eligible.

Example Six:

- The company needs to develop specifically skilled people to support innovation in the company's products, in the company's process area or in any other area that will make the manufacturing company more competitive and profitable, in the business environment. YLF can fund the training associated with the development of such highly qualified personnel.

Example Seven:

- The company is adapting a new innovation in product or process and needs to retrain employees associated with this new innovation or process. YLF can fund the training for all employees associated with the implementation of this new innovation as long as it clearly demonstrates that the employee training will improved productivity, profitability due to improving or introducing innovation.