Ulster creates “guaranteed jobs” training initiative

KINGSTON – A new manufacturing job training initiative – The Ulster County Guaranteed Jobs Program – has been established by County Executive Michael Hein, designed to train and place Ulster residents in jobs in the county’s manufacturing sector.

The program will be funded with $48,000 from the Industrial Development agency and will be a collaborative effort between the county, SUNY Ulster and BOCES.

The program will include a three-week work readiness component for initially 12 participants, who will then participate in a one-week closed job fair. They will then complete a six-week manufacturing skills training course and pass the certified production technician exam in order to graduate.

Hein said graduates are expected to receive guaranteed jobs from the county’s private manufacturers.

Once the pilot program has been evaluated, it will be used to create a program to meet ongoing needs of manufacturers.