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## **Xavier Leadership Center helps local adults and displaced professionals access free retraining funds**

*More than \$73 million available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act*

Ohio and Kentucky professionals who have been displaced from their jobs—or are at imminent risk of losing their jobs—may be eligible for government-funded professional training to help them prepare for their next position or a new career. The Xavier Leadership Center (XLC), part of Xavier University’s focus on adult training and leadership development, has created a process to help these professionals get the training and professional credentials they need. The XLC is hosting **free and open Information Sessions on July 9, 14 and 17** to explain more about the program and help local professionals begin the application process.

“The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act provides more than \$73 million in retraining funds for Ohio and Kentucky workers,” said Bruce Miller, managing partner of the XLC. “The money is being allocated quickly, though, and local professionals interested in getting free certifications in their current field or retraining to enter a new field, need to apply for these funds as soon as they can.”

In addition to helping professionals through the application process, the XLC offers several certificate programs that respond to the current economic crisis and qualify for Ohio economic stimulus funding. For qualified participants, 100% of the registration fee is covered by economic stimulus funds, with participant materials and examination fees often included.

For adult Ohio and Kentucky residents, this means flexible training accounts for employed workers at imminent risk of losing their jobs or for displaced professionals who require training or certification to find new jobs. The XLC programs culminate in the required industry-recognized certifications or credentials in demand-driven occupations and can be completed within the requisite two-year time period.

Qualified XLC programs include:

- Project Management Certificate Program and PMP Exam Review
- Six Sigma Yellow, Green and Black Belt Certificates
- Senior HR Certificate Program
- Global Supply Chain and Certified Supply Chain Professional (CSCP) Exam Prep
- Business Management Certificate Program
- Certified Financial Planner



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Many of these programs are available as open enrollment programs at Xavier or can be offered for groups of ten or more employees at employer locations or in the local business community. The Xavier Leadership Center has already successfully offered several of these programs using economic stimulus funds for employed workers at risk of layoff and displaced workers at DHL/ABX Air in Wilmington, OH<sup>2</sup>.

The Xavier Leadership Center is hosting the following Information Sessions to provide local professionals with more information about American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding and eligible courses:

## Information Sessions:

**July 9: Cintas Center, Xavier University, 7-9 pm**

**July 14: Deerfield Campus, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor (4770 Duke Dr., Mason, OH 45040), 7-9 pm**

**July 17: Deerfield Campus, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 11 am-1 pm**

For more information or to register for a free Information Session, contact Sue Bensman at [bensman@xavier.edu](mailto:bensman@xavier.edu), via phone: (513) 745-3396 or toll free: 1-800-982-2673.

For individuals or companies seeking to bring ARRA-eligible training on-site for groups of ten or more employees, contact Bruce Miller, Managing Partner, at [millerb7@xavier.edu](mailto:millerb7@xavier.edu), or via phone: (513) 745-3230.

## About Xavier University and the Xavier Leadership Center:

*Xavier University is a private university located in Cincinnati. Founded in 1831, the university is the third largest independent institution in Ohio. U.S. News & World Report ranks it No. 2 among master's-level universities in the Midwest, and The Princeton Review names it as one of the "Best 368 Colleges in America."*

*The Xavier Leadership Center is an extension of Xavier University and provides high impact custom programs designed with the expressed intent of helping leaders and their teams solve real problems. The cornerstone to our approach is "facilitated learning," which challenges participants to actively implement the concepts we teach under the guidance of our team, a blend of Xavier professors and experienced business professionals.*

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<sup>1</sup> Stimulus Funds Available for Workforce Programs, Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, April 17, 2009., and <http://migration.kentucky.gov/newsroom/governor/20090508jobs.htm>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.xavier.edu/news/The-Xavier-Leadership-Center-offers-retraining-programs-for-laid-off-employees-in-Wilmington.cfm>

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