# EMPLOYEE QUALITIES EMPLOYERS WANT

MCCTC CBI PROGRAM

Employers look for people who have the capability to do lots of things well. To do this you need a wide range of skills and strong personal qualities.

One of the most valued qualities is.....?

#### Cooperativeness

The willingness to work well with others to reach a common goal. How do you show cooperativeness?

- Do things that you no not like without complaining or trying to avoid them.
- Do your fair share of a job when working with others.
- Volunteer to help coworkers meet deadlines or reach other goals.

## Willingness to Follow Directions

- Stop whatever you are doing and listen to the directions you are given.
- Listen carefully, you may think you already know what they want but may be a detail that you didn't know about.
- Take notes if possible.
- Something is not "stupid" just because you don't understand it.
- If you don't understand the directions, ask rather then guess.

#### Willingness to Learn

- You do not know everything.
- Your employer does not expect you to know everything at first.
- Do not pretend to know something. If you don't know say that you don't know.
- Look for opportunities to get more training.
- Knowledge adds value.
- The more you know the more valuable you are to your employer.

#### **Initiative**

 Do things that you see that need done without being told to do them shows initiative.

#### Willingness to Take Responsibility

 Show a willingness to accept an obligation and be held accountable for the results.

#### Loyalty

- Be positive.
- Look for solutions to problems.
- Make an extra effort when a situation comes up at work.
- Work to build a positive reputation at work.

## **Self Management**

You must do what is necessary to build the career you want.

Only you can get the job, promotion, or raise.

- Set career goals and develop a plan to reach those goals.
- Check your self. Look at your work habits and performance.
- Ask your supervisors for feedback and listen to them.