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**Meeting the Industrial Maintenance Training
Needs of Regional Employers**

Lenawee Now in partnership with the ISD Tech Center (ISD) and the Southern Michigan Center for Science and Industry (SMCSI) have heard you and we are responding in our continuing quest to meet the training needs of regional employers. We have identified Industrial Maintenance as an urgent training need.

In response, ISD will be hosting a five-course Machine Maintenance Certificate program beginning in March in partnership with the Jackson Area Manufacturers Association's (JAMA) Academy for Manufacturing Careers. And the SMCSI has a program available in partnership with the Greater MI Construction Academy (GMCA).

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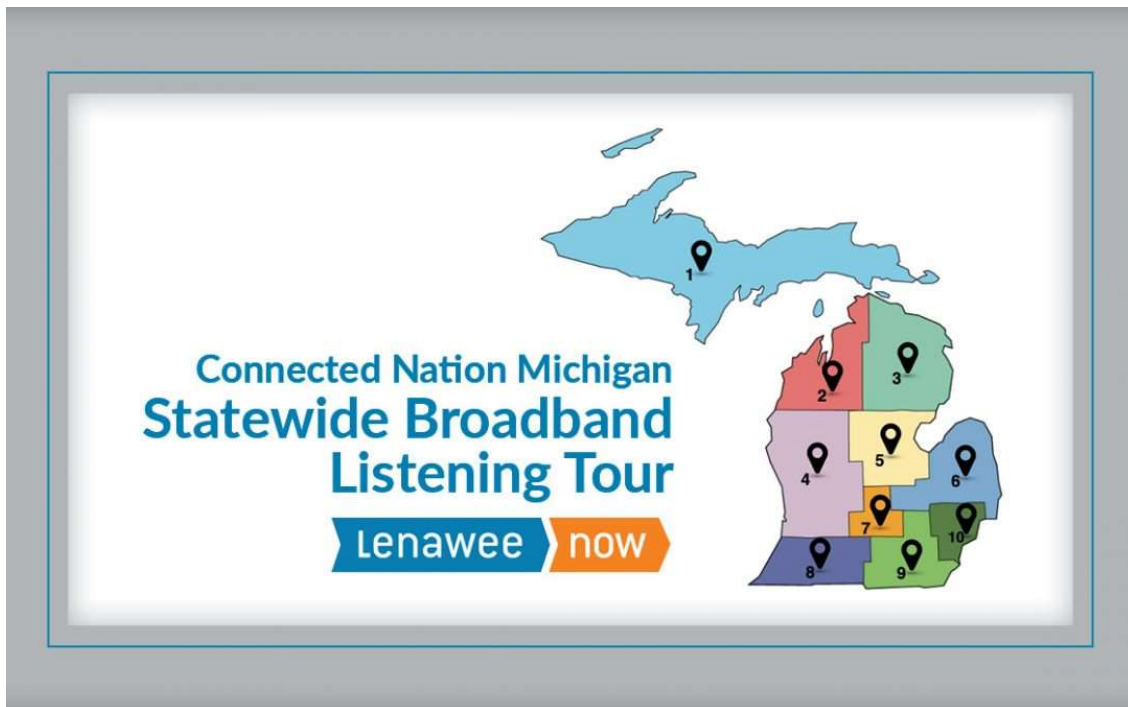
Michigan Small Business Survival Grant Lenawee County Recipients

On behalf of [Lenawee Now](#), [Ann Arbor SPARK](#), and the [State of Michigan](#), we are pleased to announce the list of Michigan Small Business Survival Grant Recipients.

Lenawee Now was assigned as the local economic development organization (EDO) for reviewing applications and determining awardees. 175 applications were received, totaling \$2,800,000. The

allocation for distribution in Lenawee County was \$436,000. 65 applicants out of the 175 received awards. A local committee was appointed to assist in the evaluation of applications. This committee consisted of a female business executive/owner, a minority business executive, a nonprofit business executive, a county executive, and a Lenawee Now representative. We recognize that this is a trying time for businesses around the state, and we hope this is one small way to assist.

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Connected Nation Michigan Statewide Broadband Listening Tour

On behalf of the internal MEDC Broadband Team and Connecting Michigan Taskforce (CMIT), we want to share exciting details about a statewide Broadband Listening Tour. The purpose is to provide local and regional stakeholders across Michigan an opportunity to learn about CMIT, provide federal and state broadband updates, and listen to valuable insight about broadband issues, solutions, and opportunities.

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Scholarship Initiative Offers Opportunity to Earn an Associate Degree or Skills Certificate

Governor Whitmer Launches Bipartisan
\$30M Michigan Reconnect Program

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer joined with Republican and Democratic legislators to announce the launch of the \$30 million Michigan Reconnect program, the largest effort in state history to ensure that more than 4.1 million Michiganders who are 25 or older and do not have a college degree will have an opportunity to earn a tuition-free associate degree or skills certificate.

Michigan Reconnect will pay the cost of tuition for eligible adults who want to pursue an associate degree or skills certificate at their in-district community college. The program also offers skills scholarships to help cover the cost of tuition through more than 70 [private training schools](#) with 120 programs that offer certificates in high-demand careers in industries such as manufacturing, construction, information technology, healthcare or business management.

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