

**NORTHWEST TECHNICAL INSTITUTE (0552)  
FISCAL YEAR 2018  
AS ENACTED BY ACT 898 OF 2017**

**I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES**

**MISSION**

NWTI has developed courses and programs intended to strengthen basic, occupational, and technical skills necessary for adults to become economically self-sufficient and provide agriculture, business, health services, industry, and government with skilled employees to support their respective ventures. NWTI is the fiscal agent for the Northwest Arkansas Secondary Career Center, which provides concurrent credit post-secondary coursework to 17 area public school districts and hosts/facilitates Collision Repair, Automotive Technology, and Welding Technology programs. The Technical Institutes are regulated by the Career Education and Workforce Development Board and controlled by local boards composed of five members, serving five year terms, appointed by the Governor with Senate confirmation.

**TOTAL APPROPRIATION**

The total appropriation for FY2018 is \$9,416,194.

**FUNDING SOURCE**

Funding sources include General Revenue, Cash funds from tuition and other income, Federal funds, Career Education Grants, and Workforce 2000 funds.

**II) CHANGE LEVEL REQUESTS**

**Northwest Technical Institute - State (721)**

This appropriation provides for the institute's operations and is funded by general revenue, adult education grants, and Workforce 2000 funds. The total appropriation of \$5,754,161 is an increase of \$1,068,993 from Base Level and includes the following changes:

**Regular Salaries & Matching** - Provides an increase of \$282,516 for five new positions.

**Extra Help** - Provides an increase of \$423,200 for part-time instructors.

**Operating Expenses** - Provides an increase of \$276,000 for new educational/technical programs.

**Conference and Travel** - Provides an increase of \$62,277 for faculty to attend out-of-state conferences.

**Capital Outlay** - Provides an increase of \$25,000 for purchase of instructional equipment, with \$15,000 of the request for

restoring previously authorized amount.

**Northwest Technical Institute - Cash (B60)**

This cash-funded appropriation is used to supplement and enhance general revenue funding.

**Capital Outlay** - Provides an increase of \$200,000 to restore appropriation to previously authorized level.

**III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS** (Total FY2017 Authorized Positions: 69)

Total Authorized Positions for FY2018: 75

Total Base Level Positions: 69

Increase/(Decrease)from Base Level: 5

Extra Help Positions FY2018: 135 (Total FY2017 Authorized Extra Help: 107)

**IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE**

**\*LANGUAGE TO BE REVISED\* Additional Teaching Load:** Provides additional pay up to \$75 per credit hour for non-credit teaching assignments or for teaching courses beyond the defined teaching load for full-time staff and ten (10) extra help positions, all funded by private industry and not to exceed 150 clock hours or 9 semester credit hours per school year.

**Extra Help Restriction:** Prohibits Department employees employed as Extra Help from exceeding 85% of the maximum annual salary of a comparable position and not to exceed 1400 hours during any fiscal year.