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Preparing the Future Workforce

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Michigan won't have enough skilled workers to fill a half million available jobs in the next six years.

A study released by the Workforce Alliance says 650 thousand jobs will be created by 2016 that require more than a high school diploma, but less than a four year degree.

These types of jobs are known as 'middle skill' and require technical training. Half the jobs in Michigan are considered middle skill, but less than 46% of the population has the training for them.

Andy Levin is with the Michigan Department of Energy, Labor and Economic Growth. He says Michigan needs to accelerate its efforts to train workers.

"I mean there's no question that right now in Michigan our biggest problem is a lack of good jobs," says Levin, "but at the same time there are good jobs out there that people just aren't trained for."

The study seeks support for programs like 'No Worker Left Behind' which provide financial assistance for post high school training. © Copyright 2009, [Michigan Radio](#)

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