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Valley Enterprises Going Pro Talent Fund

Valley Enterprises, a leading North American supplier of interior trim components and cargo management systems, is committed to staying competitive and growing in the market. To achieve this, they need well-trained employees capable of analyzing and quickly resolving manufacturing issues. Their team must also conduct effective internal audits to identify areas of non-compliance and waste, ensuring they maintain their competitive edge.

GST Michigan Works! met with Valley Enterprises to explore whether the Going Pro Talent Fund Grant could help train their workforce effectively. Together, we identified training courses beneficial to their employees that met Going Pro's guidelines. Valley Enterprises applied for the 2023 Going PRO Talent Fund Cycle 2 grant and was awarded funding. With this grant, they were able to enroll an employee, Haley, in both 8D Problem Solving and IATF 16949 Internal Auditor Training.

Haley successfully completed both courses, earning Certificates of Completion for the IATF 16949 Internal Auditor and 8D Problem Solving training. With these new skills, Haley can now determine the root causes of manufacturing issues, analyze them, and find effective solutions. Her auditing skills have improved significantly, enabling her to conduct thorough internal audits to identify and address non-compliance issues, ultimately reducing quality issues and waste.

With a more skilled workforce, Valley Enterprises can improve their efficiency, maintain high-quality production, and stay competitive within their industry.