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## PennDOT 2024-25 Winter Maintenance Applications Being Accepted NOW!

As in years past, PennDOT will sponsor a Winter Maintenance Program (WMP). This program runs from September through April to supplement the permanent workforce, and we are writing to request recommended qualified candidates.

All Transportation Equipment Operator (TEO) and Diesel Mechanic candidates are subject to the Federal Motor Carrier Regulations that require pre-employment



drug testing and random drug and alcohol tests (if employed). In addition, all TEO and Diesel Mechanic candidates must successfully complete a driving skills test that will be administered during the interview process.

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Applications Being Accepted NOW!Because these employees perform an important public safety function, PennDOT needs to make certain that they have sufficient time to process, evaluate, and recruit for this program. Any interest in these positions should contact my office via email to Kurt Derr at kurt.derr@pasenate.com by Friday, August 2nd.

All Winter Maintenance Program postings can be found within the Open Jobs section of the employment website. The technical support line is 717-787-7811. All recommended candidates, excluding those who elected to be placed on leave without pay at the conclusion of last year's winter program, must complete the online application to be considered for employment. Due to the online application process, there is no need to submit additional paperwork.

## New \$20 Million Program to Provide Laptops for Libraries, Non-Profits & Community Institutions

The Pennsylvania Broadband Development Authority (PBDA) is accepting applications through Monday, August 19, 2024 for the new Digital Connectivity Technology Program. Through the new program, the PBDA will purchase and distribute \$20 million in laptops for eligible public-facing institutions such as libraries, municipalities, workforce training organizations, not-for-profit organizations, and other community anchor institutions located in areas where affordability has been identified as a barrier to broadband adoption and use who will then make them available to individuals who lack the technology needed to access the internet.

Laptops and booksThe PBDA will begin reviewing Digital Connectivity Technology Program applications on August 20 and anticipates announcing the grant awards in November. Projects are expected to begin in early 2025. Grant recipients are required to make digital skills training available through their own program or the free options on the PBDA website, however end users are not required to participate in a training program.

Across Pennsylvania there are currently 286,000 households, businesses, schools, and libraries that either have no access or insufficient access to broadband. The funding for the Digital Connectivity Technology Program was made available through the American Rescue Plan Capital Projects Funding, announced by the PBDA earlier this year.

For a detailed look at the Digital Connectivity Technology Program, please view this helpful program overview and this video presentation.

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