



RESTART RECRUITMENT

The Retired Engineer, Scientists, Technicians, Administrators, Researchers, and Teachers (RESTART) at Lawrence Technological University is Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) and Lawrence Technological University (LTU) program. The program provides energy efficiency and sustainability services at no cost to Michigan businesses with less than 500 employees statewide and institutions of any size. While completely non-regulatory, the State administers the program.

Here is how it works.

RESTART@LTU recruits retired Michigan professionals to work in the program. After a screening process that involves applying and an in-depth interview, successful applicants sign an agreement to work for the program as independent contractors. They become RESTART "assessors," employees of neither LTU nor the State of Michigan.

After training, assessors visit small businesses in teams of 2 or more RESTARTers at no cost to the company. RESTARTers tour the facility and conduct a reasonably detailed and comprehensive evaluation. The team will draft a report with recommendations on energy-saving and sustainability measures. Depending on the business size, teams of two or more assessors perform assessments.

The assessments are marketed separately to businesses throughout the State, encouraging them to request them to join the program. Participants understand the assessments are completely confidential and non-regulatory.

As independent contractors, assessors are free to accept or reject any offer to conduct an assessment – or even to spend the winter in Florida or elsewhere, as many of our present assessors do. And no retiree does this work for the money, which is nominal and includes a competitive hourly wage plus travel and per diem expenses, following state guidelines. And the satisfaction of putting to practical use 30 to 40 years of experience by helping businesses reduce waste and save money is excellent. There are, at present, about ten active assessors, and RESTARTers would like to increase that number to fill gaps in skills and locations in the State to fulfill the needs of the State. We particularly need assessors in Northern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula, but we welcome qualified, interested applicants from anywhere in Michigan.

For additional information on the RESTART@LTU program, visit our website at www.restartmi.org.

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