

Quapaw manufacturer plans to add 52 jobs

A Quapaw manufacturer plans to add 52 jobs as part of the state's Small Employer Quality Jobs program. Ceradyne Boron Products makes boron (metalloid) products for use in the nuclear and semiconductor markets. The company qualifies for \$722,565 in payroll rebates over the next seven years. Most of the jobs will be added within the next year, said human resources manager Amber Crook.

"The nuclear industry is picking up dramatically in the green energy push globally," she said. Ceradyne Boron Products is partnering with Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College in Miami to train potential workers in process technology, she said. After completing a two-year degree, graduates can apply for jobs paying more than \$40,000 initially. Engineers and managers also are being hired. The company was established in the early 1970s under Eagle Picher Boron and acquired in 2007 by Ceradyne Inc. Quapaw, a city of fewer than 1,000 residents, is in far northeast Oklahoma.

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