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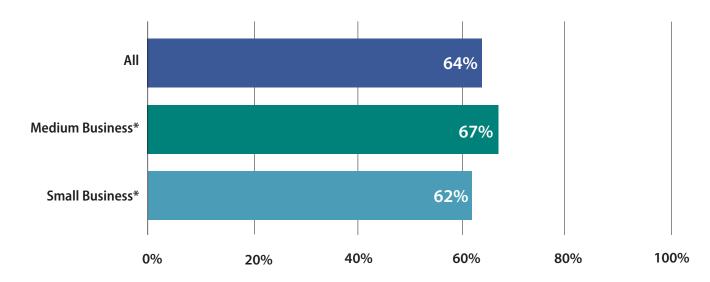
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## Make Pell Work: Business Leaders Support the JOBS Act

Business leaders know that the U.S. needs more skilled workers in order to remain competitive. But our 40-year-old federal financial aid system is stacked against workers seeking credentials that quickly prepare them for in-demand jobs and it's stacked against the employers who want to hire them. The bi-partisan JOBS Act will make Pell grants available for high-quality, short-term training programs.

Nearly two-thirds (62%) of small and mid-sized business leaders say it is difficult for their business to find skilled workers. And nearly two-thirds (64%) say it would help their business to make federal financial aid available to people seeking skills training — not just those seeking college degrees.

## SMALL AND MID-SIZED BUSINESSES SUPPORT EXPANDING PELL GRANTS TO SKILLS TRAINING



\*On behalf of National Skills Coalition, ALG Research conducted a national online survey of 405 business leaders from small (under 100 employees) and medium (101-499 employees) companies, February 25 - March 5, 2019. For more information about the bi-partisan JOBS Act, contact Katie Brown at katieb@nationalskillscoalition.org.

Business Leaders United for Workforce Partnerships (BLU) is the national voice of small and medium sized employers who are concerned about filling skilled positions at their companies and want to develop public-private partnerships in their communities to better meet their skilled workforce needs.

