



## INVESTMENT INTO THE DEVELOPMENT OF EDUCATION

### **Innovations in the education of metal toolers, students of PBS Velká Bíteš On-the-Job Training Centre, will improve their readiness for the labour market**

Since 1999, PBS Velká Bíteš On-the-Job Training Centre has provided on-the-job training for students of the Metal Tooler training programme at Jan Tiray's Vocational School in Velká Bíteš. Labour market requirements on our graduates have completely changed over the years. Employers' demands have increased and On-the-Job Training Centre strives to respond to this trend in its classes. In the current economically difficult situation, businesses are very interested in practically and theoretically well-equipped workers with foreign language skills. Following this need, PBS Velká Bíteš On-the-Job Training Centre and its partner, Jan Tiray's Vocational School in Velká Bíteš have prepared a project called „**Innovations in the Development of Students' Competences Based on Labour Market Needs**“. This October, the project was approved for financing from the European Social Fund, namely from the Operational Programme “Education for Competitiveness”.

The project started on November 1, 2009 and will last until May 31, 2012. Goal of the project is to develop students' competences according to the labour market needs through the innovative use of ICT in general and specialised study subjects. The main focus is on students' knowledge of CNC programming in the Heidenhain control system beyond the scope of the curriculum and of common classes taking place at Jan Tiray's Vocational School. Within an elective course, students will work on programming stations under pedagogical supervision and have practical training at a machine tool. Other activities associated with the project include: *students' language skills*, which will be supported through technical English classes taught by a native speaker. Furthermore, students will prepare on starting their career with an e-learning course that will teach them how to write a cover letter and CV, search for a job through employment agencies, job fairs and Internet, and lot of other useful information on how to respond in a job interview. All these activities require substantial financial support, which was provided from the European Social Fund in the amount of almost 5.5 million CZK.