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Vigo, Clay County companies enroll in Indiana@Work; 323 workers to benefit from job assessments

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. – Today Gov. Joe Kernan announced that three more western Indiana companies have joined Indiana@Work, the state's year-old workforce development program.

Through the Indiana Department of Workforce Development, **Digital Audi Disc Corp. (DADC)** and **Moore Langen Printing Co. Inc.** of Vigo County as well as **Spun Metals Inc.** of Clay County were awarded a total of \$28,977 to assess the skills of up to 323 individuals and profile 11 different occupational categories.

“For our businesses and communities to be successful, we must continually invest in our workers, who are the cornerstone of our economy,” said Kernan. “Indiana@Work is a unique program that matches the needs of the employer with the abilities of the employee in order to find the right people for the right job. It's a win-win for everyone involved.”

- **Sony Digital Audio Disc Corp. (Sony DADC)** of Terre Haute will use \$15,465 to assess the skills of 100 of its existing employees and up to 51 potential workers as it seeks to add staff. The company also will use the funding to profile its process engineer, technician, material handler, general operator III and general operator I positions. Founded in 1983, Sony DADC is a subsidiary of Sony and was the first manufacturer of compact discs in the United States. The Terre Haute facility remains the world's largest optical disc manufacturer, with more than 1,000 employees and a capacity of over 65 million units a month.
- **Moore Langen Printing Co. Inc.** of Terre Haute will use \$8,648 to assess the skills of up to 30 incumbent workers and profile the positions of pre-press operator, pressman, Geitz operator and film laminate operator. Moore Langen Printing Co. Inc., which was founded in 1864 and employs 84 people, is one of the largest high-tech sheetfed print communications companies in the United States, with a focus on publishing, marketing, packaging and plastic products.
- **Spun Metals Inc.** located in Brazil will use its \$4,864 award to offer skills assessments to 40 existing workers and profile the positions of production and management. Spun Metals Inc., which employs 41 people, is a metal fabrication facility offering custom metal spinning through a variety of processes. These processes include computer numeric controlled (CNC) spinning, TIG welding, resistance seam welding, resistance spot welding, passivation, CNC wire electrical discharge machining (EDM), CNC vertical machining centers, tool and die, EDM small-hole drilling, shearing, assembly and press brake.

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Indiana@Work, a joint effort between DWD and the Indiana Department of Commerce, builds around Energize Indiana's four targeted sectors: advanced manufacturing, information technology, life sciences and high-tech distribution. Available through the state's WorkOne and WorkOne Express Centers, Indiana@Work has made skills assessments available to nearly 30,000 Hoosiers and companies statewide have requested more than 700 job profiles since its inception in January.

WorkKeys®, the centerpiece of Indiana@Work, is a comprehensive system developed by ACT® that determines and categorizes the skills necessary for a specific job. It also matches the individual's skill level to particular job requirements and serves as a foundation for training programs that close skill gaps and develop a more capable workforce.

Job profiling, the employer segment of WorkKeys®, helps businesses identify the skills and skill levels needed for workers to be successful on the job. Professional job analysts work with experienced employees to define the duties of each occupation and together, they create specific job profiles.

Through its various programs and initiatives, the Indiana Department of Workforce Development is charged with continually improving the Hoosier workforce by assisting companies to create new jobs and improve employee skills. The agency offers a variety of training and educational grants, partners with the state's 27 WorkOne Centers, administers the unemployment insurance system, provides labor market information, assists employers with preparing workers for layoffs and closures, and operates the a statewide job placement service

For more information on this or other DWD programs, call 1-800-465-4616 or visit the web site at www.workforce.IN.gov.

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