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STATE AWARDS \$617,204 IN TRAINING ACCELERATION GRANTS

INDIANAPOLIS (Jan. 24, 2006) -- The Indiana Department of Workforce Development and Indiana Economic Development Corporation have awarded \$617,204 in Training Acceleration Grants to fifteen Indiana companies or consortia.

The Training Acceleration Grant program provides financial assistance to companies and organizations seeking to expand the skills of their existing workforce through training programs that result in industry-recognized credentials. This grant program is one of the state's primary job training programs offered to Indiana businesses.

"The Training Acceleration Grant program is a key tool to ensuring Indiana employers have access to a globally competitive workforce," said Ron Stiver, Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Workforce Development. "Through these grants, Hoosier workers receive training that better positions them for higher wages and improves the competitiveness of their employers."

"The Training Acceleration Grant program plays an important role in assisting Hoosier businesses build a more competitive workforce at a time when economic growth and diversification are top priorities," said Michael S. Maurer, Secretary of Commerce and president of the Indiana Economic Development Corporation.

The program has four core objectives: promoting small businesses; fostering job retention and expansion; increasing personal income for Hoosier workers; and providing training to address skill gaps in the Hoosier workforce.

The names of the firms awarded the grants, location, current employment, number of trainees, and amount awarded:

<u>Employer</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Employment</u>	<u>Trainees</u>	<u>Outcomes</u>	<u>Award</u>
Hubbell Raco Inc.	South Bend	St. Joseph	359	11	Apprentice/IT Cer.	\$16,008.00
Nyloncraft Inc.	Mishawaka	St. Joseph	393	5	Apprentice	\$17,399.00
Packaging Corp. of Amer.	Gas City	Grant	123	6	Career Dev. Cert.	\$16,032.00
Phillips Products Inc.	Elkhart	Elkhart	635	4	IT Certifications	\$7,495.00
Red Gold	Elwood	Madison	1,052	60	NIST/MEP Cert	\$200,000.00
Western WIB* Six Employers	Terre Haute	Vigo	64 - 1,125	56	Career Dev. Cert.	\$127,207.00
Atomized Powder Coat.	Terre Haute	Vigo	12	2	Career Dev. Cert.	\$6,451.00
D&D Automation	Terre Haute	Vigo	6	5	CDC and Allen Br.	\$29,964.00
E-Coating Plus, LLC	New Castle	Henry	29	10	CTA/PPG Indus.	\$1,950.00

ESSROC Cement	Speed	Clark	200	8	Apprentice	\$12,699.00
Gibson Teledata Inc.	Terre Haute	Vigo	9	6	IT Certifications	\$39,240.00
IndyBake Products	Seelyville	Vigo	210	21	Indus. Cert/CDC	\$52,598.00
Kennedy Tank	Indianapolis	Marion	137	3	Cert. Welding/Boil	\$9,915.00
Motion Control Industries	Bloomington	Monroe	131	68	NIST/MEP/App.Le	\$75,576.00
Northern Electric	South Bend	St. Joseph	26	2	Journey Level/App	\$4,670.00
Total				267		\$617,204.00

The Indiana Department of Workforce Development is charged with continually improving the Hoosier workforce by assisting companies to create new jobs and improve worker skills. The agency offers a variety of training and educational grants, partners with Indiana's 26 WorkOne Centers, administers the unemployment insurance system, provides labor market information, assists employers with preparing workers for layoffs and closures and operates a statewide job placement service.

As a result of legislation passed by the Indiana General Assembly in Feb. 2005, the Indiana Economic Development Corporation replaced the Department of Commerce as the premier entity charged with state economic development. The IEDC has a 12-member board chaired by Gov. Mitch Daniels.

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* - The Western Indiana Workforce Investment Board (WIB) submitted a grant on behalf of the Wabash Valley Advanced Manufacturing Consortium, which is composed of six firms, all of whom have a need for Skilled Maintenance Technicians. The six firms are: Applied Extrusions Technology (AET); Great Dane Limited Partnership; RayTech/Allomatic; Sony Digital Audio Disc; International Paper; and ThyssenKrupp Presta.