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Governor Hassan Announces Job Training Grants for Eight New Hampshire Companies in December

Matching Grants Will Help Train 235 Workers in New Skills

CONCORD – Continuing her efforts to help New Hampshire workers develop the skills and innovative thinking needed for good jobs in the 21st century economy, Governor Maggie Hassan announced today that eight New Hampshire companies have been awarded job training grants to help them train 235 workers in new skills.

The job training grants total \$77,865 and the companies matched the training funds to bring the total amount for training workers to \$155,730.

"I am proud to announce the most recent round of important grants to help prepare workers for success at growing businesses," Governor Hassan said. "New Hampshire's Job Training Fund is a valuable and critical resource that has helped thousands of workers develop skills needed for success in the innovation economy. By maintaining our commitment to higher education and job training, we can attract innovative businesses, help existing companies grow, and support the creation of good jobs that will expand middle class opportunity and help keep our economy moving in the right direction."

- **Symmetry Medical Manufacturing Inc. of Manchester** received a grant of up to \$41,204 to train 185 employees in lean fundamentals from the NH Manufacturing Extension Partnership (NHMEP) and in leadership, blue print reading, GD&T and Excel from Manchester Community College (MCC).
- A grant of \$10,958 was awarded to **Wire Belt Company of America, Londonderry** to train 18 employees in leadership at MCC.
- **Knott's Land Care LLC of Amherst** received a grant of \$4,000 for two employees to be trained at Nashua Community College (NCC) in customer service, business and management.
- **Neoscope LLC of Portsmouth** will use a grant of \$1,848 to send one employee to the RSA Conference for internet security, analytics and privacy training.
- **High Liner Foods of Portsmouth** received a grant of \$6,125 to train 15 employees in 5S Kaizen and leadership at NHMEP.
- **TestVonics Inc. of Peterborough** received a training grant of \$5,500 for three employees to join the ISO 9001 Collaborative Program at NHMEP.
- **Extrusion Alternatives, Inc. of Portsmouth** received a grant of \$5,500 for four employees to participate in the ISO 9001 Collaborative Program at NHMEP.
- **Bigelow and Ashton, PA of Wolfeboro** will use a \$2,730 grant to train seven employees in the cyber security program development course at Neoscope Inc.

The Job Training Fund has awarded \$8,478,760 in grants since October 2007, with employers contributing \$11,165,588 for a total of \$19,644,348 in new training for 24,900 New Hampshire workers. Companies interested in applying to the Job Training Fund should visit the fund's web site at www.nhjobtrainingfund.org.

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