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SEN. GARY NODLER ANNOUNCES THAT 13 AREA INDUSTRIES WILL BENEFIT FROM WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT FUNDS

JEFFERSON CITY -- Sen. Gary Nodler, R-Joplin, has announced that the Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED) and its Division of Workforce Development has awarded more than \$300,000 to train new and current employees in the 32nd Senatorial District.

“In order to remain competitive in a rapidly change world, Southwest Missouri needs a well-trained workforce,” said Nodler. “These training grants will allow employees to improve their skills and that’s good news for our area’s economy.”

Area businesses receiving funds for special training:

- Doane Pet Care, Joplin - \$11,500 for 23 trainees
- FAG Automotive, Joplin - \$23,000 for 75 trainees
- FAG Bearings, Joplin - \$34,500 for 125 trainees
- Great Outdoors Grill Company, Joplin - \$25,300 for 20 trainees
- Hampshire Pet Products LLC, Joplin - \$28,750 for 60 trainees
- Jasper Products LLC, Joplin - \$40,250 for 140 trainees
- LaBarge, Inc., Joplin - \$28,750 for 100 trainees
- La-Z-Boy Midwest, Neosho - \$28,750 for 120 trainees
- Mid-America Precision Products, Joplin - \$28,750 for 50 trainees
- Midcon Cables Company, Joplin - \$31,625 for 70 trainees
- Renewable Environmental Solutions LLC, Carthage - \$25,875 for 25 trainees
- Tetra Pak, Inc., Joplin - \$17,250 for 30 trainees
- Twin Oaks Custom Cabinets, Inc., Neosho - \$13,800 for 22 trainees

The Missouri Customized Training Program offers funding assistance to eligible Missouri employers for the training and retraining of new and existing employees. The program is offered through the DED's Division of Workforce Development in cooperation with the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. The projects are operated by local educational agencies.

Companies will use the funds to pay for training programs, customized to their particular industry.

All trainees must be full-time, permanent employees – working a minimum average of 35 hours per week. Occupations for which training is requested must earn a minimum of the prevailing wage rate for similar jobs.

“The purpose of this program is to increase and improve the quality of Missouri’s workforce through training initiatives,” Nodler said. “Investing in our workforce is an important step toward ensuring economic security for all Missourians and our businesses.”

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