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# Sen. Frank Barnitz Announces \$25,300 Grant for New Florence Job Training

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JEFFERSON CITY – State Senator Frank Barnitz, D-Lake Spring, is proud to announce that a New Florence business will receive up to \$25,300 in reimbursements for the training of 80 employees. New Florence Wood Products received the funds through the Missouri Job Development Fund's Customized Training Program. The average wage of the trainees will be \$11.89 per hour.

“These reimbursements are a fine example of our state government working with local employers to create opportunities for Missouri citizens,” Barnitz said. “By stimulating the New Florence job market, all members of the community will benefit.”

New Florence Wood Products, located at 49 Stave Mill Road, has been in business since 1912. The company produces wood staves for the production of barrels used to store bourbon and wine products. This project will be operated locally by St. Charles Community College.

The Missouri Job Development Fund, administered by the Missouri Department of Economic Development, provides assistance to new or expanding businesses in their efforts to train employees in newly created jobs and to upgrade skills of existing employees. The purpose of the program is to increase and improve the quality of the state's workforce through training initiatives so that Missouri companies can be more competitive.

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