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Senator Bill Stouffer Announces Funding Assistance for Employee Training

JEFFERSON CITY – State Sen. Bill Stouffer, R-Napton, today announced that two companies in the 21st Senate District will receive funding assistance through the Missouri Job Development Fund's Customized Training Program.

The Missouri Customized Training Program offers funding assistance to eligible Missouri employers for training and retraining new and existing employees. Conagra Frozen Foods in Marshall and Dexter Axle Company in Carrollton will receive a total of \$73,000 for training 275 new and current employees.

"The funding approved by the Department of Economic Development is in line with Missouri's move to revitalize our economy," Stouffer said. "This money allows these companies to maintain and enhance their workforce environments by ensuring they have quality jobs to offer, and they have qualified employees to fill those positions."

In Fiscal Year 2006, training assistance was approved for approximately 19,000 workers at more than 180 companies across Missouri. These companies reported \$1.5 billion in capital investment in Missouri.

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