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Frank A. Barnitz 16th Senate District

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Sen. Frank Barnitz Announces Economic Incentives for Businesses in the 16th Senate District

JEFFERSON CITY— Sen. Frank Barnitz (D-Lake Spring), today announced that seven companies in the 16th Senate District will be receiving funding from the Missouri Job Development Fund through the Missouri Customized Training Program. The companies will receive a total of \$200,000 to train 897 employees.

"This funding will allow these companies to pursue further opportunities and increase the productivity of their businesses," said Sen. Barnitz. "I applaud the initiative of these eight companies and am pleased that this funding was available to promote further economic development in the area."

The Missouri Customized Training Program offers funding assistance to Missouri employers for the training and retraining of new and current employees. The program works to reduce businesses' training costs in order to improve productivity and create or maintain jobs in the community. Funding can be used for training costs such as curriculum development, instructional salaries, and training materials.

Companies receiving the funding include:

- Cantex, Inc. in Rolla will receive \$25,000 to train 60 workers.
- Kingsford Manufacturing in Belle will receive \$40,000 to train 115 workers.
- New Florence Wood Products in New Florence will receive \$25,000 to train 142 workers.
- Olin Brass Fineweld Tube in Cuba will receive \$25,000 to train 30 workers.
- Ozark Mountain Technologies, Inc. in Cuba will receive \$25,000 to train 75 workers.
- Quaker Windows in Freeburg will receive \$25,000 to train 375 workers.
- Royal Canin USA, Inc. will receive \$35,000 to train 100 workers.

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