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## Job Training Support Helps Build Southeast Missouri's Economy

JEFFERSON CITY — I'm pleased to report that nine southeast Missouri manufacturing businesses working to create or maintain jobs and improve productivity will receive a total of \$178,500 to train 1,100 employees. Funding will be provided by the Missouri Job Development Fund through the Missouri Customized Training Program.

The training program, part of the Missouri Department of Economic Development, provides eligible employers funding assistance to train and retrain new and current employees. The program is designed to reduce businesses' training costs in order to improve productivity and create and retain jobs. Money is directed for training costs such as curriculum development, instructional salaries and training materials.

Companies receiving the funding include:

- American Railcar Industries – Custom Steel in Kennett, which will receive \$25,000 to train 69 workers.
- American Railcar Industries, Inc. in Kennett, which will receive \$25,000 to train 133 workers.
- Briggs & Stratton Corporation in Poplar Bluff, which will receive \$30,000 to train 150 workers.
- Gamma Healthcare in Poplar Bluff, which will receive \$12,500 to train 83 workers.

- Gates Corporation in Poplar Bluff, which will receive \$20,000 to train 320 workers.
- Noranda Aluminum in New Madrid, which will receive \$40,000 to train 200 workers.
- Schaefer's Electrical Enclosures in Advance, which will receive \$20,000 to train 70 workers.
- Starting USA in Poplar Bluff, which will receive \$6,000 to train 75 workers.

During the last fiscal year, training assistance through the Missouri Job Development Fund was provided to 230 companies and five company training consortiums to train more than 31,000 workers. Participating companies reported over \$1.6 billion in capital investment in Missouri.

Incentive programs like these make good economic sense for Missouri and have helped move us from the number one job-loss state just four years ago to a state that has created more than 79,000 new jobs.

That is, indeed, good news worth sharing.

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