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Economic Incentives to Increase Productivity for Businesses in Southeast Missouri

JEFFERSON CITY— Sen. Jason Crowell, R-Cape Girardeau, today announced that 11 companies in Southeast Missouri will be receiving funding from the Missouri Job Development Fund through the Missouri Customized Training Program. The companies will receive \$245,000 to train 851 employees.

"With the national economy as it is, we continue to see Missouri progress through economic incentives such as the Missouri Customized Training Program," said Sen. Crowell. "Programs such as this helped move Missouri from the number one job-loss state just four years ago to a state that has created more than 79,000 new jobs."

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:

- American Railcar Industries in Jackson, which will receive \$20,000 to train 110 workers.
- Buzzi Unicem USA DBA Lonestar in Cape Girardeau, which will receive \$12,500 to train 37 workers.
- Havco Wood Products in Cape Girardeau, which will receive \$20,000 to train 75 workers.
- Pavestone Company LP in Scott City, which will receive \$10,000 to train 29 workers.
- Rubbermaid Home Products in Jackson, which will receive \$20,000 to train 310 workers.
- Sabreliner Corporation in Perryville, which will receive \$22,500 to train 80 workers.
- SEMO Milling Company in Cape Girardeau, which will receive \$40,000 to train 38 workers.
- Signature Packing Paper, LLC in Cape Girardeau, which will receive \$20,000 to train 16 workers.
- Spartech Plastics in Cape Girardeau, which will receive \$15,000 to train 40 workers.
- Tetra Park Materials LP in Sikeston, which will receive \$27,500 to train 49 workers.
- TG Missouri Corporation in Perryville, which will receive \$37,500 to train 67 workers.

"This funding will allow these companies to pursue further opportunities and increase the productivity of their businesses," said Sen. Crowell. "I applaud the initiative of these 11 companies and am pleased that this funding was available to promote further economic development in our area."

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