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Senator Pearce and Reps. Hoskins and McGhee Announce DED Grants for Johnson County

EnerSys, Inc. and Stahl Recipients of Job Training Funds

JEFFERSON CITY—Senator David Pearce (R-Warrensburg), Rep. Denny Hoskins (R-Warrensburg) and Rep. Mike McGhee (R-Odessa) today announced that EnerSys, Inc. and Stahl Specialty Co. in Johnson County have been awarded job training funds through the Missouri Customized Training Program from the Missouri Department of Economic Development.

“Our state’s economic development will always be dependent on the skill level and capabilities of our work force,” Sen. Pearce said. “We must continue to invest in our workers and our local businesses, because they will be the key to recovery.”

Stahl Specialty Co., which is located in Kingsville and Warrensburg, will receive \$45,000 for the training of 145 workers. EnerSys, Inc., located in Warrensburg, will receive \$35,000 for the training of 120 workers.

“These grants from the Department of Economic Development for EnerSys and Stahl Specialty will prove to be invaluable to these companies and the community,” Rep. Hoskins said. “Close to 200 workers will benefit from new training. This will get them up to speed and ready to go. Getting workers properly trained in a marketable skill will allow them to put food on the table and continue working.”

The Missouri Customized Training Program offers funding assistance to eligible Missouri employers for the training and retraining of new and existing employees. In fiscal year 2010, training assistance was approved through the Missouri Job Development Fund for 404 companies and 14 company training consortiums to train more than 46,000 workers. These companies reported more than \$1.3 billion in capital investment in Missouri.

“Stahl Specialty Company has been a long time successful manufacturing company in Johnson County,” Rep. McGhee said. “They are a tremendous asset to the community and their receipt of this funding is well deserved. I know they will use the funding wisely in the training assistance of efficient employees and utilization of modern technology. This funding will prove to be a great investment for Johnson County and the state of Missouri.”

For more information about the program, go to www.ded.mo.gov.

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