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Baker-Polito Administration Awards \$9 million in Workforce Training Grants

87 companies to receive training support for over 7,500 workers

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CANTON, MA – December 8, 2015 – Today, Lt. Governor Karyn Polito and Labor and Workforce Development Secretary Ronald L. Walker announced \$8.9 million in Workforce Training Grant funds to encourage economic growth in the state by allowing companies to invest in their workforce with additional training. The grants to 87 companies will help train more than 7,500 workers across the state and were announced at the headquarters of grant recipient Reebok Corp. in Canton.

“With each opportunity to provide more training, skills and education, we are providing our residents and companies located here the ability to remain competitive in a global marketplace,” said Governor Charlie Baker. “As we work to close the workforce skills gap and ensure our workforce remains among the strongest in the nation, these grants will provide an important level of support and training.”

“The training that employees receive through this Workplace Training Fund enables them to succeed at their companies and improve their own economic prosperity,” Lt. Governor Polito said. “We look forward to these efforts building skilled labor and driving economic development across the Commonwealth.”

“Employers tell us all the time they cannot grow as quickly as they would like to because they cannot find enough skilled workers to fill their job openings. This funding for training helps companies improve the skills of their existing employees, and create new job opportunities,” Secretary Walker said.

Reebok, the Massachusetts-based fitness footwear and apparel company, was awarded \$114,440 to train 130 workers at their headquarters. Reebok will provide digital design tools training to the footwear, apparel, graphics and color and innovation departments. The training will include the effective use of digital design software including Illustrator, Photoshop and InDesign, and will be given by the American Graphics Institute, a private licensed school based in Woburn, MA. Training is expected to begin later this year and continue until 2017.

“We’re incredibly thankful for the support of the Baker-Polito Administration,” said Reebok President Matt O’Toole. “Attracting and maintaining top talent is always a major priority at Reebok. It is critical that our people are supported with the tools and knowledge they need to be their best. This grant will help in our effort to not only create great product, but also ensure that the most talented designers want to work right here in Massachusetts.”

“Employers across the commonwealth place a high value on having a highly skilled workforce.” Rick Lord, president and chief executive officer of the Associated Industries of Massachusetts, said. “I am pleased to see more businesses taking advantage of the Workforce Training Fund, which is an important tool for making Massachusetts businesses more competitive by investing in the skills of their workers.”

The Workforce Training Fund is a program of the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development administered by Commonwealth Corporation, a quasi-public state agency that fosters partnerships between industry, education and workforce organizations to strengthen skills for youth and adults in order to help them thrive in the state’s economy. The fund provides grants up to \$250,000 to companies of any size in Massachusetts to pay for workforce training over a two-year period. Grants are awarded to projects that will upgrade workers skills, increase productivity and competitiveness of Massachusetts businesses, and create additional jobs. Grants are matched dollar-for-dollar by the recipients.

The grants also offer an opportunity for local businesses to improve communication and productivity at work by providing valuable language training for people whose native language is not English (ESOL).

The Baker-Polito administration is focused on meeting the needs of employers in Massachusetts by aligning workforce training, economic development and education. Shortly after taking office, Governor Baker created the Workforce Skills Cabinet, pulling together three of his Cabinet secretaries to develop a plan to increase training opportunities for all workers in the state.

The Workforce Training Fund Program illustrates that renewed focus on getting workers training while also helping companies meet their need for skilled workers.

The Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development, and Commonwealth Corporation, hope to encourage businesses to address workforce training needs – including English language skills – through the Workforce Training Fund. The Workforce Training Fund awarded more than \$1 million each month, on a rolling basis throughout the year. Interested parties are encouraged to visit www.commcorp.org/wtffp to learn more.

The following is a complete list of the grant recipients awarded Workforce Training Fund General Program funds today (listed by community).

Attleboro

General Metal Finishing LLC was awarded \$85,000 to train 92 workers; six additional jobs anticipated by 2017.

Auburn

RH White Companies, Inc. was awarded \$118,730 to train 188 workers; 20 additional jobs anticipated by 2017.

Avon

B.E. Peterson was awarded \$69,750 to train 36 workers; four additional jobs anticipated by 2017.

Bedford

Gooch & Housego was awarded \$98,300 to train 38 workers; two additional jobs are anticipated by 2017.

Belmont

Vicki Lee's Bakery was awarded \$41,460 to train 24 workers; two additional jobs are anticipated by 2017.

Billerica

Raindance Technologies, Inc. was awarded \$39,600 to train 60 workers; 10 additional jobs are anticipated by 2017.

Boston

Amramp was awarded \$62,000 to train 37 workers; eight additional jobs anticipated by 2017.

Customer Portfolios, LLC was awarded \$100,520 to train 35 workers; eight additional jobs are anticipated by 2017.

Expressway Toyota Scion was awarded \$116,350 to train 31 workers; eight additional jobs are anticipated by 2017.

Legal Sea Foods LLC was awarded \$163,200 to train 28 workers; six additional jobs are anticipated by 2017.

LogMeIn, Inc. was awarded \$250,000 to train 408 workers; 60 additional jobs are anticipated by 2017.

National Quality Review was awarded \$78,418 to train 50 workers; three additional jobs are anticipated by 2017.

Bridgewater

A & A Metro Transportation was awarded \$60,000 to train 60 workers; 60 additional jobs are anticipated by 2017.

Burlington

Silverlink Communications, Inc. was awarded \$115,570 to train 89 workers; 20 additional jobs are anticipated by 2017.

Cambridge

Cambridge Trust Company was awarded \$97,867 to train 150 workers; 10 additional jobs are anticipated by 2017.

Gund Partnership was awarded \$27,846 to train 14 workers; four additional jobs are anticipated by 2017.

Kling Stubbins, LLP was awarded \$79,200 to train 73 workers; four additional jobs are anticipated by 2017.

Canton

Reebok International Limited was awarded \$114,440 to train 130 workers; five additional jobs are anticipated by 2017.

Chicopee

Riverbend Medical Group was awarded \$244,600 to train 608 workers.

Concord

Prysm, Inc. was awarded \$49,100 to train 11 workers; two additional jobs are anticipated by 2017.

Welch Foods, Inc. was awarded \$63,335 to train 114 workers; five additional jobs are anticipated by 2017.

Dedham

AlliMed, Inc. was awarded \$133,610 to train 202 workers; six additional jobs are anticipated by 2017.

East Longmeadow

Con-Test Analytical Laboratory was awarded \$218,585 to train 120 workers, 10 additional jobs are anticipated by 2017.

Fall River

Citizens for Citizens, Inc. was awarded \$40,000 to train 160 workers; one additional job is expected by 2017.

Paramount Tool was awarded \$90,000 to train 29 workers; one additional job is expected by 2017.

Gill

Travel Kuz was awarded \$55,542 to train 38 workers; 20 additional jobs are anticipated by 2017.

Holliston

Rypos, Inc. was awarded \$105,600 to train 32 workers; Four additional jobs are anticipated by 2017.

Holyoke

Aegis Energy, Inc. was awarded \$27,029 to train 28 workers; one additional job is expected by 2017.

Westside Finishing Company, Inc. was awarded \$112,801 to train 45 workers; two additional jobs are anticipated by 2017.

Hudson

Flintec, Inc. was awarded \$67,200 to train 29 workers.

Grand Image, Inc. was awarded \$90,200 to train 41 workers.

Lawrence

RPP Corporation was awarded \$96,200 to train 100 workers; eight additional jobs are anticipated by 2017.

Littleton

Optometrics Corporation was awarded \$54,450 to train 39 workers; one additional job is expected by 2017.

Small Water System Services was awarded \$101,000 to train 15 workers; two additional jobs are expected by 2017.

Triumph Modular Incorporated was awarded \$106,447 to train 32 workers; 13 additional workers expected by 2017.

Lowell

Lowell Five Cents Savings Bank was awarded \$231,741 to train 222 workers; five additional jobs are anticipated by 2017.

MACOM was awarded \$247,200 to train 205 workers; eight additional jobs are anticipated expect by 2017.

United Teen Equality Center, Inc. was awarded \$65,985 to train 42 workers by 2017

Washington Savings Bank was awarded \$93,940 to train 32 workers; two additional jobs are expected by 2017.

Marlborough

Electronic Environments Co. LLC was awarded \$109,850 to train 100 workers; 10 additional jobs are anticipated expect by 2017.

Needham

Trip Advisor Holdings LLC was awarded \$230,000 to train 450 workers; 44 additional jobs are anticipated by 2017.

Newburyport

Mersen USA Newburyport-MA, LLC was awarded \$150,600 to train 61 workers; 12 additional jobs are expected by 2017.

New Bedford

The Oaks was awarded \$24,900 for a technical assistance grant awarded to develop training for a consortium of companies including The Oaks of New Bedford, Life Care Center of Plymouth, The Highlands of Fitchburg, and Life Care Center of Auburn.

North Reading

Amazon Robotics LLC was awarded \$243,400 to train 190 workers; 50 additional jobs are anticipated by 2017.

Norwell

EOS-CCA was awarded \$192,000 to train 376 workers; 35 additional jobs are anticipated by 2017.

Norwood

TE Connectivity Ltd. was awarded \$246,600 to train 340 workers by 2017.

Palmer

Palmer Foundry was awarded \$96,512 to train 58 workers; six additional jobs are expected by 2017.

Peabody

Atlantic Semiconductor was awarded \$33,680 to train 23 workers; three additional jobs are expected by 2017.

Pembroke

Duromar was awarded \$29,050 to train 10 workers; one additional job is expected by 2017.

Plainville

The Hilsinger Company was awarded \$201,600 to train 160 workers; 10 additional jobs are anticipated by 2017.

Randolph

Atrenne Computing Solutions was awarded \$96,260 to train 134 workers; four additional jobs are expected by 2017.

Reading

Reading Cooperative Bank was awarded \$6,460 to train 61 workers; two additional jobs are expected by 2017.

Somerset

North Atlantic Corporation was awarded \$75,640 to train 235 workers; five additional jobs are anticipated by 2017.

South Easton

Solar Seal was awarded \$86,670 to train 106 workers; four additional jobs are expected by 2017.

Springfield

Big Y Foods was awarded \$25,000 for a technical assistance grant awarded to develop training.

Lessard Property Management Services was awarded \$80,000 to train 18 workers; three additional jobs are expected by 2017.

Stoughton

Artisan Industries, Inc. was awarded \$224,400 to train 74 workers; five additional jobs are expected by 2017.

Randolph Savings Bank was awarded \$174,595 to train 104 workers; five additional jobs are expected by 2017.

Thorndike

OC White Company was awarded \$93,286 to train 18 workers; three additional jobs are expected by 2017.

Turners Falls

Australis Aquaculture, LLC was awarded \$68,040 to train 29 workers; two additional jobs are expected by 2017.

Vineyard Haven

Adult and Community Education of Martha's Vineyard was awarded \$19,000 to train 12 workers by 2017. This grant involves a consortium of companies including Doyle Construction of West Tisbury, Holmes Hole Builders of Vineyard Haven, John G. Early Contractor and Builder of West Tisbury, Sullivan and Associates Architects of Oak Bluffs, South Mountain Company of West Tisbury, Hutket Architects of Vineyard Haven, Foam Insulation Technology of West Tisbury, and Adam T. Incorporation of Vineyard Haven.

Waltham

Accounting Management Solutions was awarded \$157,553 to train 122 workers; five additional jobs are expected by 2017.

Ward Hill

Alfa Aesar, a Johnson Matthey Company was awarded \$221,680 to train 112 workers; eight additional jobs are expected by 2017.

West Springfield

United Industrial Textile Products, Inc. was awarded \$60,000 to train 18 workers; two additional jobs are expected by 2017.

Westborough

NEC Energy Solutions, Inc. was awarded \$91,400 to train 137 workers; twelve additional jobs are expected by 2017.

Westfield

Mestek, Inc. was awarded \$103,709 to train 30 workers; two additional jobs are expected by 2017.

Westfield Electroplating Company, Inc. was awarded \$82,000 to train 58 workers; two additional jobs are expected by 2017.

Wilmington

Bausch & Lomb - Polymer Technology was awarded \$67,500 to train 25 workers; six additional jobs are expected by 2017.

Metrigraphics LLC was awarded \$53,600 to train 23 workers; three additional jobs are expected by 2017.

Scully Signal Company was awarded \$188,925 to train 82 workers; 10 additional jobs are expected by 2017.

Woburn

Lytron, Inc. was awarded \$247,540 to train 120 workers; three additional jobs are expected by 2017.

Peterson Party Center was awarded \$219,590 to train 259 workers; 20 additional jobs are expected by 2017.

Tocci Building Corporation was awarded \$211,500 to train 65 workers; 10 additional jobs are expected by 2017.

Worcester

Century Homecare LLC was awarded \$250,000 to train 20 workers; 20 additional jobs are expected by 2017.

Rotman's Furniture and Carpet was awarded \$159,232 to train 160 workers; four additional jobs are expected by 2017.

Worcester Polytechnic Institute was awarded \$248,030 to train 568 workers; 15 additional jobs are expected by 2017.

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