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Whitman Announces Training Grant for 170 Jobs at Trenton-based Manufacturer

Governor Christie Whitman today announced a \$250,000 grant for the London Harness and Cable Corporation to provide on-the-job training for 140 new positions at the Trenton-based manufacturing company.

"These are manufacturing jobs which give real meaning, once again, to the slogan 'Trenton Makes, the World Takes,'" Whitman said.

The customized job training grant from the Department of Labor will match \$250,000 allocated by the company to train 140 new workers in manufacturing positions at its site, which is located within Trenton's Urban Enterprise Zone. In addition to the training grant, the New Jersey Economic Development Authority in July approved a loan of \$500,000 to assist the corporation's start up in New Jersey, and has provided approximately \$180,000 over a 10-year period from the Business Employment Incentive Program.

"Companies like London Harness know that we have a productive workforce," said Whitman. "They know we're committed to supporting our employers and their employees, and they know what a difference a state makes."

London Harness, which produces electrical wiring harnesses and battery cables, will employ a total of 170 workers at its Trenton site. The manufacturing company brought 30 employees to New Jersey in its recently completed relocation from Pennsylvania.

New Jersey has been a national and regional leader in the number of business relocations to the state. In 1996 alone, 95 companies relocated to New Jersey, generating more than 7,000 jobs in the state.

As of July, there were 196,400 more jobs in New Jersey than in 1994, with a record 3.9 million people now in the workforce. At 5.2 percent, unemployment in New Jersey has dropped to its lowest level in 7 years.

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