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TRENTON, September 27, 2007 – Thanks to a \$1.88 million state grant, thousands of workers employed by many small businesses in New Jersey soon will get a chance to brush up on their basic skills. Reporters are invited to learn about the innovative training program on October 2 at Lee Linear, a precision-manufacturing business based in Piscataway. Find out what's happening behind the scenes, talk to plant workers, and interview the company CEO and owner, Alan Haveson.

Media representatives are invited to join State Labor Commissioner David J. Socolow, New Jersey Business & Industry Association (NJBIA) President Philip Kirschner, Middlesex County College President Dr. Joann La Perla Morales, and other program partners at this news event.

The Basic Skills Workforce Training Program was developed by NJBIA in partnership with the Department of Labor & Workforce Development and the New Jersey community colleges through their Consortium for Workforce and Economic Development. The program is an important development in the Governor's economic growth strategy, which, among other things, seeks to extend the State's workforce training resources to smaller companies, giving them a competitive edge in a global economy.

With 47 employees, Lee Linear in Piscataway manufactures high-precision shafting, rails and accessory products for such high-tech industries as medical equipment, aerospace, printing and more.

"We realize as manufacturers, if we want to be here tomorrow, we must invest in our workforce today," says Alan Haveson, CEO of Lee Linear.

WHAT: Brief presentation, plant tour and employer and employee availability for interviews.

WHERE: Lee Linear, 727 South Avenue, Piscataway, NJ 08854

WHEN: 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 2, 2007

WHO: Lee Linear CEO Alan Haveson; Lee Linear personnel; Labor Commissioner David J. Socolow; NJBIA President Philip Kirschner; and Dr. Joann La Perla Morales, President of Middlesex County College. For more

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