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More Than 7,000 Workers to Receive Skills Training Through \$3 Million in Training Grants Awarded by Department of Labor and Workforce Development

Trenton, May 24, 2007 – Commissioner David J. Socolow announced today that the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development is awarding more than \$3 million in matching training grants to nearly 60 employers to help enhance the basic capabilities and skills of their workers.

These grants, which employers are matching with their own resources, will fund training to raise basic skill levels of almost 7,000 incumbent workers, and for 245 newly hired workers. The training will improve the workers' marketability and productivity. These grants address New Jersey's workplace literacy challenges by encouraging employers to invest in the development of basic skills of lower wage workers who traditionally have not had the benefit of work-based instruction.

"In order to have a world class workforce New Jersey is investing, not only in high-skill employment, but also to assist lower-wage workers to build strong foundations of basic skills so that they can continue to expand their capabilities and earning power," said Commissioner Socolow. "Through these grants, New Jersey is investing in employers who invest in their own workers. These investments not only help workers gain core skills that will let them succeed in their present employment, but also open new opportunities for them in the future."

The recipients of these grants were selected through a competitive process. The grant applications were judged on their merits and the grants were awarded to companies or consortia whose applications presented the strongest demonstrations of training designed to improve basic communication, computer and math skills as well as English as a Second Language and work readiness skills for their workers.

Please click on the links below to see the list of grant recipients and the Notice of Grant Opportunity.

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