

Acadiana leads state in workforce training grant awards

Forty six Acadiana businesses net more than \$6 million in funding

Lafayette, LA—With two months left in the state fiscal year, Acadiana businesses will receive more Incumbent Worker Training Program grants for workforce training than any other area in the state.

To date, the Louisiana Department of Labor has approved 43 contracts for 46 Acadiana businesses, totaling \$6,169,086. At least 13 additional grants, totaling more than \$1 million are under review and should be approved prior to June 30.

“A skilled workforce is vital for strong Acadiana businesses,” said Gregg Gothreaux, president and CEO of the Lafayette Economic Development Authority. “The region’s low unemployment means a smaller workforce for employers to choose from. IWTP investments help ensure that employers, who may have to hire less experienced workers, can get the training they need to increase their competitiveness and sustain economic growth.”

Funded by state unemployment insurance taxes, IWTP was created in 1997 by the Legislature to help employers around the state provide customized training for their workers. To qualify for the program, a business must have been in operation in Louisiana for a least three years and have at least 15 employees to be trained. The Small Business Employee Training program provides standardized training for businesses with 50 or fewer employees.

“These funds provide critical resources for area businesses,” said Gothreaux. “Developing a skilled regional workforce is a top priority and the state’s workforce programs continue to greatly benefit our region.”

LEDA will host a workforce training seminar, Training Grants & Funding, to provide information on IWTP and other workforce training resources. The seminar takes place on Wednesday, May 23, at 9 a.m., at the LEDA Resource Center, 211 E. Devalcourt St.

A complete list of Acadiana approved IWTP contracts and information on other regions in the state is attached.

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Lafayette Region Incumbent Worker Training Approved Awards FY 2006-2007 As at 4-30-2007			
Company Name	City	Funding	# employers
Acadian Ambulance Service	Lafayette	362,981	1
Access Oil Tools	Broussard	62,783	1
AGI Industries Inc.	Lafayette	59,852	1
American Pollution Control Inc	New Iberia	122,713	1
Aries Marine Corporation	Youngsville	189,826	1
Aviation Exteriors Louisiana	New Iberia	43,650	1

Lafayette Region Incumbent Worker Training Approved Awards FY 2006-2007 As at 4-30-2007			
Company Name	City	Funding	# employers
Bank Of Commerce & Trust	Crowley	84,904	1
Candy Fleet Corporation	Morgan City	184,355	1
CETCO Oilfield Service	Broussard	132,044	1
Control Concepts	Maurice	68,572	1
Crown Oilfield Services I	Morgan City	86,840	1
Delmar Systems Inc.	Broussard	82,139	1
Dynamic Industries Inc.	New Iberia	193,188	1
Eurest Support Services	Lafayette	274,543	1
Fire & Safety Specialists	Lafayette	120,439	1
Flex Med Inc.	Lafayette	33,550	1
Fluid Crane & Construction	New Iberia	97,900	1
Fredericks Mach Tool Shop	New Iberia	60,259	1
Greenes Energy Group LLC	Lafayette	99,132	1
Greystar Corporation	Lafayette	159,985	1
Home Bank	Lafayette	48,810	1
KMC Oiltools, Inc.	Broussard	53,812	1
Laborde Marine Consortium	Morgan City	121,702	3
Lafayette Assn For Retarded Citizens	Lafayette	53,031	1
Louisiana Valve Source	Youngsville	17,825	1
Offshore Cleaning Systems	Abbeville	76,379	1
PHI Inc.	Lafayette	534,003	1
Preferred Electric Inc.	New Iberia	69,828	1
Pro-Log Inc.	New Iberia	26,627	1
Production Equipment Service	Lafayette	28,573	1
Production Management Industries	New Iberia	941,247	1
Riceland Drilling Co.	Lafayette	25,317	1
Sea Mar Investco LLC	New Iberia	157,240	1
Shannon Hardware Co LTD	Morgan City	46,321	1
Soloco, LLC	Lafayette	161,610	1
Stuller Inc.	Lafayette	194,266	1
The Schumacher Group Resources Inc.	Lafayette	318,142	1
Teche Electric Supply Inc	Lafayette	113,275	1
The Nacher Corporation	Youngsville	59,230	1
Tobias Inc.	Erath	12,799	1
Trussco Inc.	Carencro	255,310	1
Venture Transport Logistics	Lafayette	196,447	2
WPS Inc.	New Iberia	137,643	1
Total		6,169,092	46

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IWTP Approved Contracts
Regional Comparison
FY 2006-2007
As of 4-30-2007

Region	# of Approved Contracts	Approved Funding
Lafayette Region	43	\$6,169,086
Shreveport Region	20	\$4,080,634
New Orleans Region	18	\$3,905,491
Houma Region	20	\$3,115,334
Monroe Region	25	\$2,963,689
Baton Rouge Region	6	\$778,452
Alexandria/ Lake Charles	8	\$751,328