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## **WORKFORCE CENTRAL FLORIDA AWARDS MORE THAN \$59,500 IN EMPLOYED WORKER TRAINING AWARDS IN AUGUST**

**ORLANDO, FL ...**WORKFORCE CENTRAL FLORIDA (WCF) awarded more than \$59,500 in Employed Worker Training (EWT) awards to local employers in August 2007. The employed worker training awards were given to a total of 18 local businesses and will assist in the payment for professional training of 381 employees. The businesses that received awards invested just over \$127,000 of their own resources toward these trainings. Among those that received awards include:

- Air Tech of Central Florida (\$1,279)
- Bytes, Bites, Megabytes (\$3,000)
- CED Concord (\$573)
- City of Lake Mary (\$1,863)
- City of Winter Park (\$3,582)
- Dan Bar Inc. (\$500)
- Farmworkers Association of America (\$975)
- Franklin Mapping and Surveying (\$2,790)
- Gaylord Palms Resorts (\$800)
- Justice and Peace Inc. (\$500)
- Seminole County Fire (\$6,885)
- Southern Fire Sprinklers (\$1,659)
- Starwood Vacation Ownership (\$3171)
- United Cerebral Palsy of Central Florida (\$6,307)
- Wayne Automatic Fire Sprinkler (\$2,967)
- Westgate (\$18,000)
- Winter Springs Fire (\$1,450)

The EWT program is designed to provide financial assistance to employers that recognize the importance of investing in their employees. Workforce research shows that employees value the opportunity to acquire new skills which will lead to increased productivity and impact your bottom line. Benefits of the EWT program include:

- Provides employees with new skills that impact the bottom line
- Up to 50 percent of the business' direct training costs are reimbursed by WORKFORCE CENTRAL FLORIDA
- Businesses have the flexibility to choose its own trainer and curriculum (or training course)
- WCF will assist companies in applying for all the training awards which they are eligible
- Investing in training current employees leads to improved company efficiency, increased employee retention, heightened employee morale and better-trained employees resulting in an increase in productivity

Businesses interested in learning more about or applying for an Employed Worker Training award can call (407) 531-1222 or visit [http://www.workforcecentralflorida.com/employers/training\\_grants-employed.asp](http://www.workforcecentralflorida.com/employers/training_grants-employed.asp).

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