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## WORKFORCE CENTRAL FLORIDA AWARDS MORE THAN \$147,100 IN EMPLOYED WORKER TRAINING AWARDS IN FEBRUARY & MARCH

ORLANDO, FL ...WORKFORCE CENTRAL FLORIDA (WCF) awarded more than \$147,100 in Employed Worker Training (EWT) awards to local employers in February and March 2008. The Employed Worker Training awards were given to a total of 25 local businesses and will assist in the payment for professional training of 831 employees. The businesses that received awards invested more than \$387,600 of their own resources toward these trainings. Among those that received awards include:

Company Name	EWT Amount	Type of Training
Airtech of Central Florida	\$750	Compressor Operation & Service
City of Lake Mary	\$2450	County and City Operations
City of Leesburg Fire	\$6,165	Fire Safety Procedures
City of Mount Dora	\$1,334	Fire Safety and Paramedic
City of St. Cloud Fire	\$2,061	Fire and Paramedic Services
Community Service Center of Central Florida Inc.	\$2,375	Sales Training
DataMetrics	\$1,500	J-STD 001 Hardware
Del-Air Heating, AC & Refrigeration	\$22,797	Service Tech Training
Early Learning Coalition of Orange County	\$2,436	HR Management, Computer
FARO Technologies	\$22,574	Microsoft Office
Florida Hospital	\$7,117	Patient Tech
Global Systems International	\$4,800	ISO9001
Health Central Hospital	1,837	Medical Housekeeping
Health Edge Staffing Services	\$3,125	Revenue & Growth
Orange County Fire Rescue	\$28,956	Fire Rescue
Quest Inc.	\$649	HR Management
Rentaland	\$1,750	Sales Training

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Right Track Career Solutions	\$5,263	Sales Training
Seminole County Board of Commissioners	\$4,615	Operations Management
SmartWatch Securities and Sound LLC	\$696	Fire Alarm Training
St. Cloud Regional Medical Center	\$2,729	Medical Life Support
Sumter County Sheriff's Office	\$1,845	Rescue Operations
SV Lighting, Inc.	\$15,000	Value Stream Mapping
Village Dental	\$319	Bloodborne Pathogens
Wayne Fire Sprinkler	\$4,022	FAST and CPR

FARO Technologies will utilize its \$22,574 Employed Worker Training award toward educating 299 employees in Microsoft Office 2007. “The Employed Worker Training award from WORKFORCE CENTRAL FLORIDA will allow us to maintain and possibly increase our productivity during the transition from Office 2003 to Office 2007,” said John Townsley, FARO Technologies senior VP of human resources. “Also, reducing employee frustration during this adaptation phase will increase work quality, which improves customer satisfaction and helps grow our profits.”

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 their 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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