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WORKFORCE CENTRAL FLORIDA AWARDS MORE THAN \$51,500 IN EMPLOYED WORKER TRAINING AWARDS IN JUNE

ORLANDO, Fla ...WORKFORCE CENTRAL FLORIDA (WCF) awarded more than \$51,500 in Employed Worker Training (EWT) awards to local employers in June 2008. The Employed Worker Training awards were given to a total of 13 local businesses and will assist in the payment for professional training of 177 employees. The businesses that received awards invested more than \$220,600 of their own resources toward these trainings. Among those that received awards include:

Company Name	EWT Amount	Type of Training
City of Mt. Dora Fire	\$1034.00	Pump Operations, Tanker Shuttle and Paramedic Training
City of St. Cloud Fire Rescue	\$1,540.00	Firefighter Tactics I &II
City of Winter Park	\$930.00	City Operations
Consumer Credit Counseling	\$6,000.00	Consumer Credit Counseling
Correct Craft	\$4,498.00	Lean Manufacturing and HAZWOPER (Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response)
Event Technology dba etech	\$3,447.00	Flash CS3, CISCO, Excel
Infrastructure Engineering	\$1,798.00	Commercial Surface Supplied Air Diver
Jewish Community Center	\$13,562.54	Software Training
NuVox	\$9,950.00	Networking Essentials
Osceola Council on Aging	\$1,375.00	Agency Information Management
Osceola County School Board	\$3,312.50	AVID training (Advancement via Individual Determination)
Villages Public Safety	\$3,150.00	Rope Operations
Walt Disney World Resorts	\$937.86	Maintenance of Traffic

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The Jewish Community Center (JCC) will utilize its \$13,562 Employed Worker Training award toward educating 12 employees in Active Network's Class registration software and Blackbaud's Financial Edge finance and management software. "The Employed Worker Training award from WORKFORCE CENTRAL FLORIDA will enable employees to maintain and enhance their jobs as knowledge of this program is essential to our new business model," said David Wayne, JCC associate executive director. "The staff will transition into different functions and, since many nonprofits use this system, it will enable employees to have new skills that are transferable to other organizations."

During the last 12 months WORKFORCE CENTRAL FLORIDA provided more than \$900,000 to over 160 companies to increase their training budgets and enhance more than 5,200 employees' skills.

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 www.WorkforceCentralFlorida.com/EWT Awards.

WORKFORCE CENTRAL FLORIDA (WCF) is the region's workforce expert, helping over 4,700 employers connect with more than 38,000 job seekers. WCF offers innovative solutions to assist Central Florida businesses succeed in today's highly competitive workforce, while providing the tools job seekers need to find or advance in their current career. For more information, visit WCF online at www.WorkforceCentralFlorida.com.

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