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Nine Southern Indiana companies receive aid through Indiana@Work

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. – Gov. Joe Kernan announced today that nine southern Indiana companies have joined Indiana@Work, Indiana’s innovative workforce development program.

“Indiana@Work was created to help companies assess the skills needed for jobs and match them with workers who fit those needs,” Kernan said. “I am pleased that these Hoosier businesses are taking advantage of these state resources to invest in their most important asset – their workers.”

Awarded through the Indiana Department of Workforce Development, the following companies received assistance:

- **Azteca Milling LP** of Evansville received \$12,160 to provide 100 skills assessments for existing workers and profile its forklift operator, loader, warehouse manager, warehouse supervisor and customer service positions.
- **Collis Inc.** of Evansville received \$15,400 to assess the skills of up to 250 job applicants as it seeks to fill up to 100 new positions. The Vanderburgh County company also used the funding to profile its fabrication, finishing, machine setup, forklift operator and supervisor positions.
- **Counter Design** of Evansville used its \$11,800 award to offer skills assessments to up to 50 job applicants as the company looks to fill a projected six new positions. In addition, the company’s production manager, machine operator, custom builder, field tech/templater and finish operator positions were profiled.
- **Futaba Indiana of America Corp.** received \$14,320 to assess the skills of up to 600 job applicants as the company fills a projected 200 new jobs. Futaba also used the funding to profile its production associate, quality inspector, material handlers and skill trades personnel occupations.
- **General Electric** of Mount Vernon received \$14,860 to assess the skills of up to 225 existing employees and profile its mechanic, engineer and lab technician C and D posts.
- Mount Vernon’s **Infinity Molding and Assembly Inc** received \$11,800 to assess the skills of up to 50 job applicants for six new jobs. The funding also will be used to profile the company’s process technician, quality technician, maintenance and shipping/receiving clerk positions.
- **Intrametco Processing Inc.** of Evansville received \$11,086 to assess the skills of 10 incumbent workers and 40 job applicants as the company adds three members to its staff. Intrametco also

will profile its furnace operator, furnace assistant, shredder operator, saw operator and quality control supervisor positions.

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- Located in Jasper, **Jasper Desk Co.** will use \$9,012 from the Indiana@Work program to provide up to 70 skills assessments to potential job applicants as it seeks to fill as many as 25 positions. The company also will profile its machine operator, finish utility, assembly, veneer utility and sander positions with the funding.
- **Rockport Roll Shop LLC** located in Rockport received \$11,800 to provide up to up to 50 skills assessments of existing and potential new employees. Eighteen assessments will be offered to job applicants as the company seeks to fill six new jobs. The company also will profile its grinder, chromer, mill loader, maintenance and shift lead positions.

Indiana@Work, a joint effort between DWD and the Indiana Department of Commerce, builds around Energize Indiana's four targeted sectors: advanced manufacturing, information technology, life sciences and high-tech distribution. Available through the state's WorkOne and WorkOne Express Centers, Indiana@Work has made skills assessments available to nearly 30,000 Hoosiers and companies statewide have requested more than 700 job profiles since its inception in January.

WorkKeys®, the centerpiece of Indiana@Work, is a comprehensive system developed by ACT® that determines and categorizes the skills necessary for a specific job. It also matches the individual's skill level to particular job requirements and serves as a foundation for training programs that close skill gaps and develop a more capable workforce.

Job profiling, the employer segment of WorkKeys®, helps businesses identify the skills and skill levels needed for workers to be successful on the job. Professional job analysts work with experienced employees to define the duties of each occupation and together, they create specific job profiles.

Through its various programs and initiatives, the Indiana Department of Workforce Development is charged with continually improving the Hoosier workforce by assisting companies to create new jobs and improve employee skills. The agency offers a variety of training and educational grants, partners with the state's 27 WorkOne Centers, administers the unemployment insurance system, provides labor market information, assists employers with preparing workers for layoffs and closures, and operates the a statewide job placement service

For more information on this or other DWD programs, call 1-800-465-4616 or visit the web site at www.workforce.IN.gov.

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