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**Patrick Administration Announces \$8.2M in Grants to  
Massachusetts Companies for Employee Training**

***Latest round of workforce training grants includes new pilot program  
for small businesses***

**Watertown – Thursday, October 16, 2014** – Continuing the Patrick Administration’s strategic investments in workforce training, Labor and Workforce Development Secretary Rachel Kaprielian today announced \$8.2 million in Workforce Training Fund grants during a visit to United Parcel Service, Inc. (UPS), a grant recipient. The grants, awarded through Commonwealth Corporation, will enable 72 companies across the state to provide customized training for 5,196 employees and create 568 new jobs over the next three years. Two million in grants will support a new pilot program to expand regional training capacity to meet the needs of small businesses.

“The Workforce Training Fund is one of our most effective initiatives for supporting businesses in meeting the demands of a highly competitive regional and global economy,” said Secretary Kaprielian. “We have seen many companies succeed thanks to retraining their workers and we look forward to more companies, especially smaller firms, growing and excelling by investing in the Massachusetts workforce.”

This latest round of Workforce Training Fund grants builds on the Patrick Administration’s record of investment in workforce training and education. Since 2007, the Administration has awarded \$90.5 million through this grant program to 1,167 projects involving more than 1,300 businesses and 108,780 workers.

UPS, the package delivery company that provides specialized transportation and logistics services, hosted the announcement at its Watertown distribution center. UPS will use a \$200,000 grant to train 600 Massachusetts-based employees and create 50 new jobs. The grant will help UPS implement software designed to help drivers optimize delivery routes and the placement of packages within delivery vehicles to maximize delivery efficiency. UPS plans to invest more than \$1.2 million in matching funds over the two year grant. Training will take place at UPS facilities throughout the Commonwealth.

According to UPS Northeast District Manager, Ivy Brown “UPS understands that investing in a top-notch workforce is necessary to compete and grow in a very competitive market. The support of the Workforce Training Fund is an invaluable resource toward keeping and growing jobs here in Massachusetts.”

The Secretary also announced a \$2 million pilot program funded by the Workforce Training Fund Program targeted for small businesses to provide their employees with training in areas such as Process Improvement, Supervisory/Leadership, ESOL, Manufacturing Skills, and Computer Skills. Commonwealth Corporation is piloting an approach that streamlines application requirements and gives businesses access to training resources on an as-needed basis. Eleven training organizations will offer programs through this pilot; in total they anticipate offering more than 2,500 slots in their programs to Massachusetts businesses.

"We are very interested in helping small businesses access the fund either individually or through collaborations with other businesses with similar needs." said Nancy Snyder, President and CEO of Commonwealth Corporation, which administers the funds for the Office of Labor and Workforce Development. "This program allows small businesses that may not otherwise apply for a grant on their own to quickly gain access to training on topics in highest demand."

"I'm very pleased to see the Patrick Administration investing heavily in Workforce Training – it is part of the administration's continuing focus on education," said Senator Will Brownsberger, (D-Belmont).

The Workforce Training Fund provides direct grants of up to \$250,000 to Massachusetts companies to use over a two year period. The following is a complete list of the awarded Workforce Training Fund General Program Grant Recipients announced today (listed by community), totaling \$ 6,229,732 and the training organizations taking part in the \$2,000,000 pilot program:

<b>City</b>	<b>Company Name</b>	<b>Amount Awarded</b>	<b>Projected Number of Employees to be Trained</b>	<b>New Jobs Expected to be Created</b>
ACTON	HAARTZ	\$114,367	122	28
ACTON	OYO SPORTS TOYS	\$63,840	73	12

ATTLEBORO	SENSATA TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	\$221,000	328	33
BEVERLY	MASSPAY INC.	\$44,020	17	8
BILLERICA	MACCORMACK PLUMBING, INC.	\$139,328	180	10
BOSTON	BOSTON CHINATOWN NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER, INC.	\$38,244	48	2
BOSTON	OOMPH, INC.	\$39,808	25	3
BOSTON	GOURMET CATERERS, INC.	\$32,280	15	25
BOURNE	CONVENTION DATA SERVICES INC.	\$244,038	129	13
BRAINTREE	FIRE KING BAKING CO., INC.	\$88,000	82	10
BRAINTREE	ULTRA ELECTRONICS OCEAN SYSTEMS INC.	\$234,960	20	3
CAMBRIDGE	BRUNER/COTT & ASSOCIATES, INC.	\$72,000	50	12
CHELMSFORD	ZOLL MEDICAL CORPORATION	\$222,960	200	10
CLINTON	POLUS CENTER FOR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INC.  (THIS IS A TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT AWARDED TO A CONSORTIUM WHICH ALSO INCLUDES:  MONTACHUSETT OPPORTUNITY COUNCIL OF FITCHBURG; AND  THE NEMASKET GROUP OF FAIRHAVEN)	\$12,500	n/a	n/a

DANVER	SHAWMUT ADVERTISING INC.	\$52,160	21	0
FALL RIVER	HEALTHFIRST FAMILY CARE CENTER, INC.	\$150,150	74	6
FLORENCE	CHEMIPLASTICA, INC.	\$31,680	28	0
HOLYOKE	MERIDIAN INDUSTRIAL GROUP	\$63,900	28	3
LAWRENCE	IMAJINE THAT, LLC	\$91,250	64	8
LAWRENCE	SEKISUI VOLTEK, LLC	\$92,400	77	1
LEE	BOYD TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	\$112,510	43	4
LEOMINSTER	F&M TOOL & PLASTICS, INC.	\$38,650	26	5
LEOMINSTER	INDUSTRIAL PACKAGING	\$62,000	23	2
LEOMINSTER	J.D. ASSOCIATES	\$21,700	15	3
LEOMINSTER	LEAKTITE CORPORATION	\$112,800	81	6
LOWELL	CORTRON, INC.	\$198,576	47	3
LOWELL	T&T ANODIZING, INC.	\$17,680	9	1
LUDLOW	COMMERCIAL MACHINE, INC.	\$25,590	6	1
LYNN	STERLING MACHINE COMPANY, INC.	\$74,300	32	3
MANSFIELD	BELKNAP WHITE GROUP, INC.	\$72,000	42	3
MARLBORO	UNIVERSAL WINDOW & DOOR, LLC	\$60,320	29	6

MILLBURY	THE HOLDEN LANDMARK CORPORATION	\$67,840	38	2
MONSON	DIVERSIFIED METALS, INC.	\$20,240	14	3
NEEDHAM	EURO-PRO MANAGEMENT, LLC	\$176,950	232	75
NEW BEDFORD	PLUMBERS' SUPPLY COMPANY	\$91,260	66	6
NORTH BILLERICA	SI2 TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	\$24,000	12	1
NORTON	CPS TECHNOLOGIES	\$110,640	73	5
NORWOOD	ADVANCED INSTRUMENTS INC.	\$102,950	93	3
ORLEANS	TRAINING WHEELS OF NEW ENGLAND, INC	\$33,000	26	17
PEMBROKE	THAYER SCALE	\$89,485	39	5
RANDOLPH	FLEXCON INDUSTRIES INC	\$91,405	94	8
ROCKLAND	MIJA INDUSTRIES, INC	\$42,800	25	5
SHARON	SENIOR AEROSPACE METAL BELLOWS	\$151,060	185	10
SHREWSBURY	METSO AUTOMATION USA, INC	\$200,700	210	0
SOMERVILLE	DUVINE CYCLING & ADVENTURE CO.	\$39,808	17	2
SOUTHBRIDGE	SOUTHBRIDGE SAVINGS BANK	\$194,668	115	6
SPRINGFIELD	PAPALE EYE CENTER	\$65,055	17	1
SUDBURY	PURE ENCAPSULATIONS, INC.	\$139,200	100	10

SUTTON	J & G FOODS, INC.	\$122,000	76	13
TAUNTON	PRIDE, INC.	\$45,760	40	6
WALTHAM	NEWBURG & CO. LLP	\$42,296	31	4
WALTHAM	PRO-TECK VALUATION SERVICES	\$89,895	179	0
WALTHAM	VANTAGE BUILDERS, INC.	\$49,760	28	2
WATERTOWN	UNITED PARCEL SERVICE, INC.	\$200,000	600	50
WEST SPRINGFIELD	PACKAGE PRINTING COMPANY, INC.	\$40,075	18	1
WESTFIELD	PRECISE TURNING AND MANUFACTURING COMPANY	\$25,590	6	1
WESTFORD	MATERION PRECISION OPTICS AND THIN FILM COATINGS	\$136,477	178	30
WESTFORD	PEDIATRICS WEST, PC	\$118,915	18	8
WILMINGTON	DSM COATING RESINS, INC.	\$144,090	94	5
WINCHESTER	WINCHESTER SAVINGS BANK	\$64,780	70	3
WOBURN	EAST COAST MICROWAVE SALES & DISTRIBUTION, INC.	\$78,000	21	2
WOBURN	SAVINGS BANK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF MA.	\$231,422	203	18
WOBURN	VACUUM BARRIER CORPORATION	\$80,400	41	0
WORCESTER	GENERAL WIRE PRODUCTS, INC.	\$33,000	27	4

WORCESTER	<p style="text-align: center;">CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD</p> <p>(THIS IS A CONSORTIUM GRANT WHICH INCLUDES:</p> <p>A. SCHULMAN CUSTOM COMPOUNDING NE, INC. OF WORCESTER;</p> <p>KINEFAC CORP. OF WORCESTER;</p> <p>PREMATECH ADVANCED CERAMICS OF WORCESTER;</p> <p>SIEMENS OF WORCESTER; STELLAR INDUSTRIES CORP. OF MILLBURY; AND</p> <p>WRIGHTLINE LLC / EATON CORP. OF WORCESTER.)</p>	\$241,200	276	38
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<b>Training Provider</b>	<b>Amount Awarded</b>	<b>Areas Served</b>
AMERICAN GRAPHICS INSTITUTE	\$200,000	GREATER BOSTON
ASSOCIATED INDUSTRIES OF MASSACHUSETTS	\$200,000	STATEWIDE

BRISTOL COMMUNITY COLLEGE	\$150,000	GREATER FALL RIVER, INCLUDING SOMERSET AND SWANSEA
BUNKER HILL COMMUNITY COLLEGE	\$150,000	CHELSEA, EVERETT, MALDEN, LYNN, REVERE
CENTER FOR MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY	\$200,000	MERRIMACK VALLEY, METRO NORTH, NORTH SHORE
GREATER BOSTON MANUFACTURING PARTNERSHIP	\$200,000	EASTERN MASSACHUSETTS
MASSACHUSETTS MANUFACTURING EXTENSION PARTNERSHIP	\$192,500	STATEWIDE
NATIONAL TRAINING ASSOCIATES	\$200,000	BERKSHIRE, FRANKLIN, HAMPSHIRE, HAMPDEN
NORTH SHORE COMMUNITY COLLEGE	\$200,000	NORTH SHORE
OPERATION ABLE OF GREATER BOSTON	\$150,000	BOSTON
QUABOAG VALLEY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION	\$157,500	HAMPDEN, HAMPSHIRE, WORCESTER COUNTIES

To learn more about the Workforce Training Fund Program, visit [www.commcorp.org](http://www.commcorp.org).

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