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GOVERNOR AWARDS WILLIAMSON CO. COMPANIES JOB TRAINING GRANT *BIOMIMETIC THERAPEUTICS, INC., LEE COMPANY AND WINDSOR MANAGEMENT SERVICES AWARDED \$25,000 EACH*

NASHVILLE – Governor Phil Bredesen and Tennessee Department of Labor & Workforce Development Commissioner James Neeley have awarded \$25,000 to BioMimetic Therapeutics, Inc., Lee Company located in Franklin and to Windsor Management Services, Inc. located in Brentwood. This grant will provide training to 20 employees at BioMimetic Therapeutics, Inc. in Statistical Process Control and Quality Management; 100 employees at Lee Company will be trained in HVAC, Plumbing, Pipefitting & Electrical Welding, and 385 employees will be trained in Situational Leadership and Civil Treatment of employees.

"Job training to upgrade the skills of Tennessee's workers is one of the best things we can do for our economy," said Governor Bredesen. "Now more than ever, it is important to continue training our workforce to keep employees and companies competitive."

"The Incumbent Worker Grants help companies invest in the future of their workers," said Commissioner Neeley. "Over the past six years, Incumbent Worker Training grants have totaled more than \$11 million to assist more than 40,000 employees."

"I commend Governor Bredesen and Commissioner Neeley for awarding these grants in Williamson County," said Senator Jack Johnson.

"The Incumbent Worker Grants are a good tool to keep employers and workers up to date on the latest skills training," said Representative Charles Sargent.

Workforce Essentials, Inc. played a key role in awarding the grants to BioMimetic Therapeutics, Inc., Lee Company and Windsor Management Services, Inc.

The Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development administers the Incumbent Worker Training program. The program has been structured to be flexible to meet the business's training objectives. The business may use public, private, or its own in-house training provider based on the nature of the training.

The following criteria must be met to qualify for the Incumbent Worker Training Program. Employers must be in operation in Tennessee for at least one year prior to application date. Employers must have at least five full-time employees, demonstrate financial viability and be current on all state tax obligations. Funding priority is given to businesses whose grant

proposals represent a significant layoff avoidance strategy and represent a significant upgrade of skills.

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