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GOVERNOR AWARDS MADISON CO. COMPANIES JOB TRAINING GRANT *DELTA FAUCET COMPANY, JACKSON-MADISON COUNTY GENERAL HOSPITAL AND PINNACLE FOODS GROUP LLC AWARDED A TOTAL OF \$84,511*

NASHVILLE – Governor Phil Bredesen and Tennessee Department of Labor & Workforce Development Commissioner James Neeley have awarded \$35,000 to Delta Faucet Company, \$24,911 to Jackson-Madison County General Hospital and \$24,600 to Pinnacle Foods Group LLC all located in Jackson. This grant will provide training to 112 employees at the Delta Faucet Company in Lean 101, Job Instruction and Leadership; 462 employees at Jackson-Madison County General Hospital will be trained in Computerized Clinical Documentation, Growth Charting and Medication Reconciliation, and 130 employees at Pinnacle Foods Group LLC will be trained in Lean Manufacturing.

"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 Madison County," said Senator Lowe Finney.

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

The Southwest Tennessee Human Resource Agency played a key role in awarding these grants to Delta Faucet Company, Jackson-Madison County General Hospital and Pinnacle Foods Group LLC.

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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