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**Gateway to provide training
through five state grants**

Gateway will provide training to five area companies as part of Workforce Advancement Training Grant initiatives announced this week by Governor Jim Doyle's office.

The grants will support a company's efforts for continuous improvement, increasing efficiency and productivity. They will help a company to retain the workers they currently have and to increase its competitive productivity.

The state grant pays for 75 percent of the training project's overall cost, with the remaining 25 percent paid for by the company.

Several of the companies seek Six Sigma training, a method to analyze, improve and control the production process with the aim of creating a quality system.

- Teleflex Medical OEM, Kenosha, \$47,550, will serve 175 employees. The grant will help fund training in lean manufacturing, scheduling, auditing, blueprint reading, geometric dimensions tolerance (GDT), gauging and internal auditing.

- Johnson Diversey, Racine, \$31,800. Will serve 78 employees. The grant will help fund training in Six Sigma, lean manufacturing and problem solving.
- Pentair, Delevan, \$25,875. Will serve 120 employees. The grant will help fund training in Six Sigma, problem solving, gauging, blueprint reading, taking corrective actions, and Excel training.
- A&E Incorporated, Racine, \$22,792. Will serve 140 employees. The grant will help fund training in supervision, project management, lean manufacturing, software work and assorted safety training.
- SPX Process Equipment, Delevan, \$14,325. Will serve 120 employees. The grant will help fund training in lean manufacturing, customer service, blueprint reading, GDT, geometric dimensions and tolerance, and welding.

The next grant cycle – for 2010-11 – begins in January, with grant proposals due in April. Gateway will work with companies interested in applying for grants in the months leading up to the April deadline. Those interested should call Ed Knudson, executive director, Gateway Workforce and Economic Development Division, (262) 564-2990.

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