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Hudson companies awarded Workforce Training Grants

Representative Kate Hogan (D-Stow) and Senator Jamie Eldridge (D-Acton) are pleased to announce that training grants from the Workforce Training Fund have been awarded to four companies in Hudson: Bryley Systems, Fourstar Connections, Inc, Lancaster Packaging, and Plastic Molding Manufacturing. The Workforce Training Fund is a program of the Massachusetts Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development (EOLWD) that helps companies improve productivity and competitiveness by providing resources to invest in the Massachusetts workforce.

“The Workforce Training Fund provides a shot in the arm for companies looking to improve or expand their operations,” said Representative Kate Hogan. “I’m thrilled that four businesses in Hudson were awarded funding and I’m eager to watch them flourish as they use these resources to capitalize on the skills and talent of their trusted employees.”

“I applaud the Baker-Polito administration for awarding this funding to provide workforce training opportunities to businesses in Hudson,” said Senator Eldridge. “Increasing access to specialized training opportunities for our workforce helps employers and workers improve their skills to meet the challenges of a constantly changing economy.”

In partnership with EOLWD, the quasi-public state agency Commonwealth Corporation reviews and awards training grants of up to \$250,000 to Massachusetts businesses to fund training for current and newly hired employees. Grants are awarded on a rolling basis throughout the year; \$11.9 million was awarded this round to train nearly 7,000 workers at 121 Massachusetts companies.

- Bryley Systems was awarded \$70,310 to train 24 workers; two additional jobs are expected to be added by 2019.
- Fourstar Connections, Inc was awarded \$117,375 to train 36 workers; 16 additional jobs are expected to be added by 2019.
- Lancaster Packaging was awarded \$59,500 to train 11 workers; two additional jobs are expected to be added by 2019.
- Plastic Molding Manufacturing was awarded \$156,900 to train 64 workers; five additional jobs are expected to be added by 2019.

Since 2015, the Workforce Training Fund has awarded more than 400 grants totaling over \$43 million to train more than 31,000 workers from over 600 different Massachusetts businesses. This is expected to result in over 3,700 new jobs. The Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development and Commonwealth Corporation encourages businesses to address workforce training needs through the Workforce Training Fund; interested parties can visit WorkforceTrainingFund.org to learn more.