

## Michigan Works! Southeast Receives \$2.6+ Million to Help Area Businesses

Michigan Works! Southeast will receive more than \$2.6+ million from the Michigan Talent Investment agency to train workers at 61 companies in the region, including ten companies in Livingston County. The grant awards are part of the state's Skilled Trades Training Fund, which is now in its fifth year. The Fund provides competitive awards for training that enhances talent, productivity and employee retention while increasing the quality and competitiveness of Michigan's businesses. It ensures that employers have the talent they need to compete and grow nationally and globally, and that people have the in-demand skills they need for good jobs.

"We are pleased that our business services team was able to help so many companies apply for and receive the grant funds," said William Sleight, Director of Michigan Works! Southeast. "The training will help workers gain new skills so that the companies can thrive in today's global market," he said.

### Livingston County companies receiving awards include:

Company Name	Award Amount
GKI Foods LLC.	\$6,000.00
Koppert Biological Systems, Inc.	\$17,051.00
Brighton NC Machine Corporation (BNC)	\$53,630.00
TG Fluid System, USA Corporation	\$37,500.00
AA Gear & Manufacturing	\$14,995.00
Thai Summit America Corporation	\$93,375.00
MS Plastic Welders LLC.	\$6,000.00
Eberspaecher North America	\$114,933.00
Boss Engineering	\$12,000.00
Almetals	\$2,780.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$358,264.00</b>

Jim Coutu, Business Services Manager for Michigan Works! Southeast says that staff will be working closely with these companies in the next few months to ensure that the companies achieve their training goals. "These grants help both new and existing employees at these companies gain the skills they need to be perform their jobs effectively," Coutu said.

This collaboration was made possible through our valued partnerships with our local economic developers Ann Arbor SPARK, Hillsdale Economic Development Partnership, The Enterprise Group of Jackson and Lenawee NOW.

Michigan Works! Southeast engages employers and job seekers in Hillsdale, Jackson, Lenawee, Livingston and Washtenaw Counties to develop today's workforce and tomorrow's economy. The agency is part of the statewide Michigan Works! System. The complete list of awards to Michigan Works! Southeast is attached.

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