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Schwarz Announces Job Training Grants

June 5, 2001 — State Senator John J.H. Schwarz, R-Battle Creek, today announced two grants totaling $152,825 for Kellogg Community College (KCC). The money will used to train 365 existing employees and 67 new hires for Duncan Aviation and 67 new hires for Yozoru Automotive North America, both located in Battle Creek.

"The additional jobs generated by these grants will be a great boost to our local economy," Schwarz said. "By providing existing employees with the latest training, these grants will boost the overall skills of our local workforce and make it more attractive to potential employers. I commend the state for making an investment in improving the skills of Battle Creek workers."

KCC will receive $108,720 to train workers for Duncan Aviation. It also will receive $44,105 to train employees of Yozoru Automotive.

The Economic Development Job Training (EDJT) grant program helps Michigan businesses create jobs or retain existing jobs by improving the skills and competitiveness of Michigan's workforce. Grants for the program are administered by a community college or other training providers and employers are required to provide a 25 percent match for training existing workers.

Money for EDJT grants comes from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

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