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Schwarz Announces $100,000 Grant for Eaton County Workers

Sept. 5, 2001 – Workers of Meridian Magnesium in Eaton Rapids will be given the opportunity to improve their job skills through a $100,000 grant from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation's Economic Development Job Training program, Senator John Schwarz (R-Battle Creek) shared today.

"This grant will increase opportunities for working families in the future," said Schwarz.

Meridian Magnesium, which operates 17 die cast machines, handles 45 million pounds of magnesium annually. This grant will provide funding for job skill training for 150 employees at Meridian Magnesium and will create 30 new job opportunities for area workers. Meridian Magnesium will provide a 25 percent match for the job training grant. The funding and training will be administered through the Eaton County Intermediate School District.

"The return of state dollars to this community, in this manner, is an excellent idea," Schwarz added.

Throughout Michigan over $400,000 in grants will be used to train over 1,500 workers.

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