



## News Release

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### **WorkLink Offers Additional On-the-Job Training Opportunities**

**(Pendleton, S.C. – January 5, 2011)** – WorkLink Workforce Investment Board has been awarded a portion of a statewide On-the-Job Training National Emergency Grant (OJT-NEG) to assist businesses in expanding their workforce. The \$182,118 award will be used to create training opportunities for dislocated workers who have lost jobs due to a business closure or mass layoff and have experienced prolonged unemployment.

Businesses participating in these On-the-Job Training agreements will receive partial reimbursement to offset the extraordinary cost of training new workers. Wage reimbursements range from 50 to 90 percent depending on company size and the gap between the job seeker's skill level and the skills needed on the job. Small businesses with 50 or fewer employees are encouraged to apply.

Employers in Anderson, Oconee and Pickens Counties interested in this On-the-Job Training opportunity should contact Jimmy Pennell, WorkLink business services representative, at (864) 646-5899 or [jpennell@worklinkweb.com](mailto:jpennell@worklinkweb.com). Employer selection will occur on a first-come, first-served basis. WorkLink is an equal opportunity employer/program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

The OJT-NEG is a \$1.3 million competitive grant awarded to the South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce through the U.S. Department of Labor. Funding has been awarded to local workforce investment boards throughout the state.

Since 2003, WorkLink has placed more than 735 adults and dislocated workers into On-the-Job Training in Anderson, Oconee and Pickens Counties through its formula-funded program. For more information on WorkLink's business services, visit [www.worklinkweb.com](http://www.worklinkweb.com).

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