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### Incumbent Worker Training Grants are Awarded to Local Businesses

**Spartanburg, S.C., December 2, 2014** -- The Upstate Workforce Investment Board (Upstate WIB) has awarded Incumbent Worker Training (IWT) grants to 10 businesses in Spartanburg, Cherokee, and Union counties totaling \$82,253.25. The Upstate WIB periodically receives federal funds from the Department of Labor through the SC Department of Employment and Workforce designated for training existing workers. Awards were determined by a committee of the board in October. The IWT grant period runs from November 15, 2014 through June 30, 2015. The Business Services staff of SC Works Upstate will be working with these businesses throughout the grant period.

IWT grants are awarded to train currently employed workers in an effort to keep businesses and workers competitive. IWT grants provide funding for training needed in current businesses due to expansion, new technology, retooling, new services/product lines and new organizational structuring, or as part of a layoff aversion strategy. The 10 businesses receiving IWT grants for Program Year 2014-2015 will train employees in a variety of courses including Amatrol, Lean, 8D Problem Solving, Inventory Management, TWI, Sales, and Leadership. The businesses awarded grants were:

<b>A Berger, Inc. - \$7,820</b>	<b>Kapstone Paper and Packaging - \$5,040</b>
<b>Cooper Standard Automotive - \$8,000</b>	<b>Navaeh Realty - \$1,070</b>
<b>CVS - \$8,000</b>	<b>Plastic Omnium - \$6,746.25</b>
<b>Green River Cabins - \$8,000</b>	<b>SC Tool - \$8,000</b>
<b>Hayssen Sandiacre - \$8,000</b>	<b>Standard Textile - \$7,177</b>
<b>JIT Manufacturing - \$8,000</b>	<b>Sun Surveillance - \$6,300</b>

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**TOTAL AWARDS: \$82,253.25**

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