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Cleveland/Cuyahoga Workforce Area wins 2.2 million dollar community-based job training grant from the U.S. Department of Labor

*Training aimed at meeting the needs of high growth and demand occupation within
the regional Manufacturing industry.*

CLEVELAND – January 15, 2007 – The City of Cleveland/Cuyahoga County Workforce Area has been awarded the fourth largest grant in the nation, in the amount of \$2,289,449, by the U.S. Department of Labor to promote careers in manufacturing and provide training to meet the needs of manufacturing companies in Northeast Ohio. The project is called ***Manufacturing Access to Growth and Innovation in Cuyahoga County & Northeast Ohio*** (MAGICC-NEO).

The goal of this 3-year long project is to accelerate and expand employment and advancement opportunities for workers in Cuyahoga County, and the Northeast Ohio region, and build the capacity of the local education community to meet the demand-driven needs of the manufacturing sector. “Northeast Ohio has a vast resource of talent in the people that make up its communities,” said Quentin McCorvey, Chair of the Cleveland/Cuyahoga Workforce Investment Board. “We intend to enroll 450 participants in this program including youth, new workers and incumbent workers who require skill upgrades to maintain their current jobs or transition to a higher level. Partnering with local manufacturing employers allows us to identify and create appropriate educational and career paths for the success of both employers and job seekers.”

This project partners Employment Connection, the local public workforce system, with partners including, Cuyahoga Community College and the Cleveland Municipal School District, as well as industry partners including, the Manufacturing Advocacy & Growth Network (MAGNET), Westside Industrial Retention and Expansion Network (WIRE-Net) and Tooling University and key area employers. “Cuyahoga County has a rich manufacturing history”, said Jack H. Schron, Jr., President, Jergens, Inc. “By working in partnership with the public workforce system, and its partners, we will address the existing skills gaps, as well as the training gaps, and help people build bright futures within the Northeast Ohio manufacturing industry.”

A press conference to announce the grant award and provide details on the project plan and implementation will be held on Monday, January 22nd 2007 at 10:00 a.m. at Jergens, Inc. located at 15700 S. Waterloo Rd. Cleveland, OH 44110.

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