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Indiana@Work to aid four central Indiana companies *Four Indianapolis area companies utilize state workforce development program*

Indianapolis, Ind. –Four more central Indiana companies have signed up for Indiana@Work, one of Indiana's workforce development programs.

Through the Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Marion County's **American Medical Supply Co Inc.**, **Marten Transport Ltd.**, **Miller Veneers Inc.** and Shelby County's **O'Neal Steel** were awarded a total of \$45,706 to assess the skills of up to 566 individuals and profile 16 different positions.

- **American Medical Supply Co. Inc.** of Indianapolis will use the \$6,238 from the Department of Workforce Development to assess the skills of up to 11 people, three of which are potential new hires. The money will also allow the company to profile its positions of general management, customer service representative and store clerk.
- **Marten Transport Ltd.** of Indianapolis will use a \$14,100 allotment to assess the skills of up to 125 possible new hires. This funding will also go towards profiling the positions of regional driver, tractor-trailer technician and reefer technician. Marten, one of the premier protective-service transportation companies in operation today, currently operates more than 2,400 tractors and 3,000 trailers. With terminals in Wisconsin, Georgia, California, Oregon and Indiana, Marten employs more than 2,000 people and works with an additional 600 owner-operator partners.
- **Miller Veneers Inc.** located in Indianapolis will utilize the \$12,776 allotment to offer skills assessments to 30 existing workers and a potential 30 new hires, while also profiling the positions of flitch cleaning/log pulling, warehouse, dryer offbearer, sawmill offbearer and hanger. Miller Veneers, which employs 179 people, has been in the wood veneer production industry for three quarters of a century.
- **O'Neal Steel** of Shelbyville will use the \$12,776 allotment from the Department of Workforce Development to provide skills assessments to 45 existing employees and profile the positions of stock pulling/materials handler, parts cleaning, press brake operator, machining center and welder.

WorkKeys®, the centerpiece of Indiana@Work, is a comprehensive that determines the skills necessary for a specific job. It also matches the individual's skill level to particular job requirements.

Job profiling, the employer segment of WorkKeys®, helps businesses identify the skills and skill levels needed for workers to be successful at their specific job.

The Indiana Department of Workforce Development is charged with continually improving the Hoosier workforce by assisting companies to create new jobs and improve employee skills. The agency offers a variety of training and educational grants, partners with the state's 27 WorkOne Centers, administers the unemployment insurance system, provides labor market information, assists employers with preparing workers for layoffs and closures and operates the a statewide job placement service

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