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LEDA hosts workforce training seminar

Lafayette, LA– Hundreds of Acadiana businesses have already taken advantage of millions of dollars in workforce training grants, and funds are still available for the 2006-2007 fiscal year. LEDA will host a workforce training seminar, *Training Grants & Funding*, to provide information on workforce training resources. The seminar takes place on Wednesday, May 23, at 9 a.m., at the LEDA Resource Center, 211 E. Devalcourt St.

Local training providers will be on hand to provide information on their programs, and businesses can register for classes, and apply for funding on the spot. Businesses with 50 or fewer employees may be able to use the Small Business Employee Training Program that provides up to \$3,000 per employee for annual workforce training, including computer training, safety training, and a wide range of other standardized training courses.

The Incumbent Worker Training Program provides up to \$200,000 for qualifying businesses to design a 12-month, customized workforce training plan. Employers may also be able to use the newly redesigned Employer-Based Training program that provides up to 50% wage reimbursement for training new hires, or skills upgrades.

Contact Adrienne Young at (337)593-1405 or adrienney@lafayette.org for more information or to sign up for the seminar.

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