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**BREDESEN ANNOUNCES ECONOMIC RECOVERY
TRAINING GRANT FOR WILLIAMSON COUNTY**
AMERICAN HEALTHWAYS SERVICES AWARDED \$94,000

NASHVILLE – Governor Phil Bredesen and Tennessee Department of Labor & Workforce Development Commissioner James Neeley have awarded \$94,000 to American Healthways Services in Franklin. The grant, which is funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, will provide training to 275 employees.

“Recovery Act training focuses on core skill improvements such as leadership, product technical training, computer skills, and new equipment training,” said Bredesen. “These training grants help the employer strengthen their position, which we hope will minimize the impact on employees until the economy improves.”

“Investment in employee training helps the company and its employees better meet the economic challenges facing Tennessee and our nation,” said Congressman Lincoln Davis. “I appreciate the commitment of Governor Bredesen and the Department of Labor and Workforce Department to worker training and I am very pleased the Recovery Act is providing new opportunities in this important area.”

"The intent of the funds is to provide resources to Tennessee companies that need to train employees in company-related, work-specific training," said Commissioner Neeley. "These funds awarded to American Healthways Services total more than \$94,000 and will assist 275 employees."

The maximum grant amount a for-profit company can receive is \$100,000 with a required 25 percent minimum match. The program began on April 1, 2009, and will run through June 30, 2010. This is not a pilot program and will not be renewed after the Recovery Act funding has been expended.

The Tennessee Economic Recovery Training Grant is funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and administered by the Workforce Development division within the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development, the Local Workforce Investment Area, and the local Career Center.

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