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**BREDESEN ANNOUNCES ECONOMIC RECOVERY  
TRAINING GRANT FOR WILSON COUNTY**  
*METOKOTE CORPORATION AWARDED \$100,000*

**NASHVILLE** – Governor Phil Bredesen and Tennessee Department of Labor & Workforce Development Commissioner James Neeley have awarded \$100,000 to MetoKote Corporation in Lebanon. The grant, which is funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, will provide training to 14 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.”

“To remain competitive in the global economy, our workforce must continually develop new skills,” said Congressman Bart Gordon. “The current economic climate has forced many companies to put employee training programs on hold. This grant will allow the MetoKote Corporation to move forward with these programs. With better-trained employees, the company will become more efficient and emerge from the recession as a stronger business.”

“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 MetoKote Corporation total \$100,000 and will assist 14 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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