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## **Curtis Industries, LLC. Receives \$72,610 In Workforce Training Grant**

*Worcester, Massachusetts, March 9, 2017* – Curtis Industries, LLC has been awarded a \$72,610 workforce training grant by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Grants are awarded to projects that will upgrade workers' skills, increase productivity and enhance the competitiveness of Massachusetts businesses.

The Workforce Training Fund helps companies pay for employee training in areas such as lean manufacturing, customer service, computer skills and leadership development. Grants are matched dollar-for-dollar by award recipients.

Curtis Industries will use the grant for training 42 workers and an additional six workers expected by 2019.

"This training grant will allow us to provide our employees the skills needed to significantly impact critical areas of our business in the areas of safety, quality, delivery and cost. This will result in higher quality, innovative products delivered defect free and on time" said Curtis President & CEO, George Psyhojos. "The benefit to the business and our people will be increased market share, strong margins, a safe work environment, engaged employees, and an expanding company where new, stable, well-paying jobs are created for our community and surrounding areas."

The Massachusetts Secretary of Labor and Workforce Development, Ronald L. Walker, II noted, "This fund helps ensure businesses remain competitive in an increasingly globalized employment environment. By focusing on developing the skill sets of our workers today we ensure that they have access to the jobs of tomorrow."

This year 111 Massachusetts companies received grants.

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### **About Curtis Industries**

Curtis Industries, LLC, an ISO 9001 certified company, is recognized as the most innovative designer and manufacturer of compact vehicle cab enclosure systems, attachments and related accessories that enhance user comfort and productivity. The company, which started in 1968, also manufactures snow & ice control equipment for tractors and utility vehicles. Curtis markets its products through OEM vehicle manufacturers and a large network of dealers in the United States and Canada as well as Europe and Asia. The company operates from a 160,000 sq. ft. facility in Worcester, Massachusetts.

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