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## **TREO, Arizona Department of Commerce Announce Fourth Quarter Job Training Grant Awards**

*Tucson, AZ (July 5, 2006)* – TREO and the Arizona Department of Commerce today announces \$130,572 (for the April-June 2006 period) will be awarded to 5 existing/start up Tucson companies for the training and professional development of employees.

The companies will be presented with award checks at the Tucson City Council Meeting on Thursday, 7/6/06, at 5:30pm, City Council Chambers, 255 West Alameda St. Tucson. The companies are:

**InSpeech, Inc.**

33 employees trained, \$67,672 awarded  
Speech language screening and evaluation  
and design

**Mintec, Inc.**

12 employees trained, \$6,733 awarded  
Mining software; mine evaluation, planning

**Interface Guru (Symbol Group)**

4 employees trained, \$4,208 awarded  
awarded  
Web, intranet, and software applications

**Lawdex Corporation**

6 new employees to be trained; \$34,609  
eFile Solutions provider to legal community

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**Smitthipong & Rosamond Associates, Inc.**

6 employees trained; \$17,350 awarded  
Master planning and construction supervision of healthcare and other complex facilities

“Job training grants are part of a larger package of solutions that TREO provides to existing companies, to help them operate more efficiently and effectively, and expanding their capabilities to grow,” said Lee Smith, Vice President of Business Development and Attraction. “We’re pleased that TREO can impact the bottom line of any business, both large and small.”

“The objective of the Program is to align training and education to support innovative strategies,” says Gilbert Jimenez, Director of the Arizona Department of Commerce. “These grants not only help the companies and workers, but strengthen Arizona’s standing in the new, knowledge-based economy.”

Since July 1, 2005 TREO has assisted 41 companies address workforce training needs resulting in \$6.4 million in funding for employee training projects. Since the Arizona Job Training Grant Program’s inception 10 years ago, 162 companies have been awarded over \$21.4 million in grants in the Tucson Region.

Funded by the Arizona Department of Commerce, the program was designed to provide customized training, create new jobs, and help increase the skill and wage level of Arizona employees.

About TREO (Tucson Regional Economic Opportunities, Inc.)

To meet the needs of a rapidly growing region, Tucson Regional Economic Opportunities, Inc. (TREO) was created to provide insight, infrastructure, resources and development efforts to accelerate economic prosperity throughout the Southern Arizona region. TREO provides leadership with vision and balanced coordination among neighboring communities, offering an integrated approach with programs and services to support the creation of new businesses, the expansion of existing businesses within the region, and the attraction of companies that offer high impact jobs and share the community's values.