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### ***Rep. Kane, Sen. Moore Announce Workforce Training Grant Awarded to Shrewsbury's TriStar Plastics Corporation***

BOSTON – Representative Hannah E. Kane (R-Shrewsbury) and Senator Michael O. Moore (D-Millbury) announced that TriStar Plastics Corporation of Shrewsbury has been awarded a grant through the Workforce Training Fund. The Program is administered by the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development (EOLWD).

Funds for the Program are made available by Massachusetts employers via contributions made to unemployment insurance and offered in a partnership between EOLWD and the Commonwealth Corporation. The grant is offered to businesses and business consortiums in the Commonwealth to train newly-hired and current employees, and to ensure investment in the Massachusetts workforce. TriStar Plastics Corporation was awarded a grant in the amount of \$42,700 to train 37 workers with the anticipation of adding two additional positions by 2019.

“Programs such as the Workforce Training Fund offer important assistance in maintaining our Commonwealth’s robust economy and competitive climate,” stated Representative Kane. “Shrewsbury’s TriStar Plastics Corporation is a valuable member of the local and Worcester County business community. I am certain that these funds will allow TriStar’s operations to continue to thrive and afford the corporation’s growing workforce the opportunity to gain cutting edge information and highly useful skills, leading to impressive results”.

“The Greater Worcester area possesses some of the most innovative, dynamic and successful companies within our Commonwealth,” said Senator Moore. “I am certainly very impressed by the contributions TriStar Plastics has already made to the vibrancy of the area economy and I am

confident that this grant opportunity will enhance efforts to promote productivity and competitiveness in the workplace.”

The Workforce Training Fund grants are awarded on a rolling basis over the course of the year with a maximum award of \$250,000. In Fiscal Year 2017, approximately \$17.95 million was awarded to train a total of 10,582 employees at 206 different companies. The Workforce Training Fund Program is a powerful resource for the Commonwealth’s businesses, as those companies who completed grants in 2017 added jobs at a rate of 8.21%, which is more than double the statewide average of 3.09%.

Grant funds awarded through the Workforce Training Fund Program are reviewed and awarded for the purpose of improving companies’ productivity and training of both current and newly-hired employees. To learn more about the Program, please visit [WorkforceTrainingFund.org](http://WorkforceTrainingFund.org).

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