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TROY, Mich., March 18, 2013 — Twelve Southeast Michigan companies will be awarded a portion of \$750,000 for technical training of both new and incumbent workers through the Automation Alley Technical Talent Development Program (TTDP) Challenge Fund.

After being awarded a \$5 million grant from the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration in 2012, Automation Alley – Michigan’s largest technology business association – established a goal to create 540 new jobs and retain 460 employees in Southeast Michigan through the TTDP. The grant includes the \$750,000 Challenge Fund, available to Automation Alley member companies with immediate IT training needs.

“As recipients of the TTDP Challenge Fund Award, these 12 local companies will be contributing to our mission to support existing high-tech companies and create new jobs,” said Automation Alley Executive Director Ken Rogers. “By helping local companies attract and retain a talented workforce, Automation Alley’s talent initiatives are contributing to the future success of our region.”

The Automation Alley TTDP Challenge Fund Award winners include:

- Reply, Inc., Auburn Hills
- BTR Associates, LLC, Bingham Farms
- Secure-24, Southfield
- GalaxE.Solutions, Detroit
- Beaumont Health Systems, Troy
- Critical Signal Technologies, Farmington Hills
- Kyyba, Inc., Farmington Hills
- Coil Group, Rochester
- Delphi Automotive PLC, Auburn Hills
- Gonzalez Production Systems, Madison Heights
- Merrill Technologies, Sterling Heights
- Monroe Engineering Products, Auburn Hills

Companies were notified of their awards March 14 and are expected to begin training new and incumbent workers within 60 days of notification.

About Automation Alley

Automation Alley is a technology business association driving the growth and image of Southeast Michigan’s economy through a collaborative culture that focuses on workforce and business development initiatives.

Since its founding in 1999, Automation Alley has expanded to include nearly 1,000 businesses, educational institutions and government entities from the city of Detroit and the surrounding eight-county region. Automation Alley promotes regional prosperity through entrepreneurial and exporting assistance, workforce development and technology acceleration.

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