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**Title** GCC DELIVERS TRAINING TO SWEDESBORO  
TRANSPORTATION COMPANY

Deptford Twp. – A \$36,700 New Jersey Department of Labor (DOL) Workforce Development Grant to advance the skills and efficiency of employees has been awarded to motor freight transportation company Erdner Bros., Inc. of Swedesboro.

Gloucester County College is delivering the customized workforce training that includes business communication, team building, customer service skills, computer proficiency, welding, general distribution operations, and transportation and materials moving. The DOL grant, developed by the Gloucester County College Continuing Education Division, makes training courses available through the College's Business and Industry Training (BIT) Center. The grant, which runs until January 2008, will help to advance the skills and efficiency of employees while increasing the productivity of present work practices.

“This grant with Erdner Brothers is a fine example of GCC's expanding commitment to support the businesses and workforce living in Gloucester County through a full range of educational opportunities,” stated Gloucester County College Acting President Dr. Russell A. Davis.

The company has steadily expanded since 1960 when brothers Rick and Larry Erdner first started the business hauling fresh fruits and vegetables to neighboring towns.

Today, the company possesses 57 tractors and 225 trailers that haul

everything from Hazmat chemicals to canned goods.

“Our businesses are the backbone of our local economy and when they are able to receive grants from the Department of Labor for this training they can then become more efficient,” stated Freeholder Director Stephen M. Sweeney. “We want our businesses to grow and prosper so they stay here, providing jobs and services to our residents.”

According to Freeholder Joseph A. Brigandi, the Census Bureau's American Community Survey recently released data that showed household incomes in Gloucester County continued to grow in 2006 even as those in neighboring counties failed to keep up with inflation. “GCC creates long-lasting partnerships with our local businesses and industry,” said Brigandi. “Providing Erdner Bros., Inc. this customized training will help contribute to their continued success.” Brigandi is the County’s Liaison to the Department of Economic Development and to Education.

The College’s BIT Center, located on Kings Highway (Route 551) in West Deptford, allows area employers and employees to acquire the knowledge and skills necessary for today’s workplace. Seminars and training programs are designed to maintain and improve workers’ skills and productivity. For more information, please contact the BIT Center at (856) 384-8511.

GCC’s 250-acre campus is located on Tanyard Road in Deptford, just off Exit 56 of Route 55.

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