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GWB-RI Grant Recipient Receives National Recognition

PROVIDENCE – The Governor's Workforce Board – RI (GWB-RI), in acknowledgment of exemplary workforce improvement strategies funded through their grant programs, has recognized Providence-based Moran Shipping with the annual Innovation Award. Moran Shipping handles over 5,000 port calls per year for many of the world's most prominent ship owners, oil companies, and commodity traders. The company needed an innovative solution to coordinate increasingly complex port call logistics and security.

With grant funding from GWB-RI, Moran trained staff and instituted an extranet portal system that efficiently provides 24/7 access to business data and financial accounts. This Web-based information management system was recently recognized by Microsoft® in their e-newsletter "Global Evidence Management."

This streamlining provides fast customization, strong back-end integration, high customer satisfaction, and low IT costs, enabling Moran to compete successfully with multinational corporations many times their size and positioning this Rhode Island company for future success.

Governor Donald L. Carcieri explained, "I recognize the competitive nature of the economy which requires companies to consistently develop the skills of their workforce. GWB-RI policies and funding can increase employee productivity, improve capability, and maximize operational systems. I want to help businesses strategically align themselves for strong growth."

Jason Kelly, Vice President and Director of Information Technology at Moran, noted, "GWB-RI grants enabled us to focus on innovative solutions and maintain our strong commitment to employee training, allowing us to successfully compete in the global marketplace."

The Governor's Workforce Board – RI formulates strategy relating to workforce expansion, increases existing jobs and fosters new business opportunities, forges partnerships between providers to reduce redundancy, and equips youth to meet the demands of RI's workforce, both today and in the future.

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The Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training offers a wide array of employment and training services to both the general public and to individuals with unusual barriers to employment. DLT is ready to assist any job seeker, whether the goal is a first job, a better job or a career change. Rhode Island's workforce is protected through the enforcement of labor laws, prevailing wage rates, and workplace health and safety standards. Temporary income support is available to unemployed, sick or injured workers, and a comprehensive rehabilitation program is available to those injured on the job.

DLT is dedicated to the growth and competitiveness of Rhode Island industry, administering a variety of training grants, tax credits, and apprenticeship programs to help employers. Economic indicators and labor market information are available for long-range planning. The Agency engages in active outreach, helping large and small employers retain their best workers or retrain their existing work force. At no cost to the employer, DLT will also screen job applicants, post job vacancies, and help businesses institute cost-sharing programs that can avert layoffs.

For more information on the innovative programs and services available to all Rhode Islanders at the Department of Labor and Training, please call (401) 462-8000 or visit the web site at www.dlt.ri.gov.

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