



Something you should know about



Holland Company LP is a pioneer in the railway supply industry for freight car components and is an acknowledged leader in the world market for electric flash butt welding systems and track testing using efficient road rail vehicles. Holland Company's services are vital to keeping the U.S. railway system running safely. In 2005, Holland Company had sales of over \$65 million and employed about 450 employees across 25 states. It is headquartered in Crete, Will County, Illinois, where its heavy equipment manufacturing facility is also located. While its training needs are widespread, the mechanical engineering staff had particular training needs. The company invested in 3-D modeling software, SolidWorks Graphics by Graphics Systems Corp., which will help the staff and the company stay competitive.

The Employee Training Grant Program provides resources for employers to train currently employed workers in an effort to keep businesses and workers competitive. It addresses training needed to meet changing skill requirements caused by new technology, retooling, new product lines, and new organization structuring.

Graphic Systems Corporation provided training for two Holland engineers. *"The training our employees received allowed us to utilize new technologies that would not otherwise be available to us. The key to remaining competitive is developing new product and getting them to the market place in a timely manner,"* states Stefan Pendrick, Engineering Manager at Holland Company. *"The training we received is allowing us to do that."*

The Workforce Investment Board of Will County is excited to provide this unique training opportunity to Holland Company, and other companies that provide integral workforce opportunities to our community. For more information on the Workforce Investment Board's Employee Training Grant Program contact Mary Gajcak at (815) 727-5679.



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