

WASHINGTON - Today, U.S. Representative John W. Olver and Senator Edward M. Kennedy announced a \$2 million grant from the U.S. Department of Labor to provide technical training for Berkshire County workers more than 50 years old. Funds will be used to provide industry specific training in three areas: software design, manufacturing and construction. "The grant is a victory for local efforts to address issues of dislocation, business expansion and job loss," Olver said. Olver joined Senator Kennedy in lobbying the Department of Labor on behalf of the Berkshire County Chamber of Commerce. Senator Kennedy said, "This important grant will help Berkshire County workers obtain the skills they need to succeed in the 21st century economy." Jonathan Raymond, President of CBWL, said, "This grant will serve a dual purpose in providing training for workers and creating jobs for the future."

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