



## 4 local companies receive job creation funding

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Four companies with ties to Central Minnesota have received funding from the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development's Job Creation Fund.

St. Cloud-based Park Industries and Dubow Textile, Avon-based Blattner Energy and Cottage Grove-based Werner Electric — which operates a facility in St. Cloud — have received a combined \$1.7 million from the state's \$24 million fund that was approved during the 2013 legislative session.

The funds are distributed after businesses have met requirements for job creation and private investment and sustained the investments for at least a year. Those requirements include the creation of at least 10 full-time jobs and an investment of \$500,000 by the company.

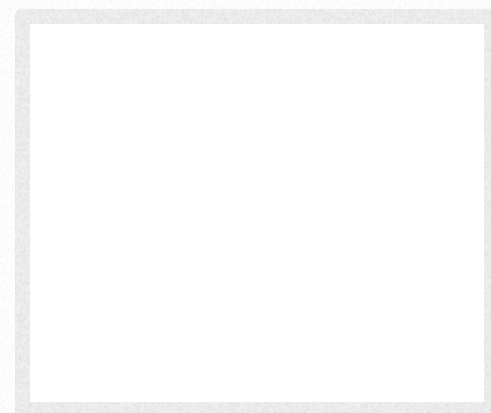
"Minnesota's Job Creation Fund is showing how business and government can work together to support jobs and economic growth," Minnesota Lt. Gov. Tina Smith said in a statement issued by DEED.

A total of 46 companies have been allocated money from the fund with the promise of creating nearly 3,200 jobs across Minnesota.

### Central Minnesota companies affected by Job Creation funding

To view the data on a mobile device, visit <http://on.sctimes.com/1XkzHCf>

COMPANY NAME	JOB CREATION FUND AWARD	JOBS	COMPANY INVESTMENT*
Park Industries	\$624,266	25	\$5.98
Werner Electric	\$325,250	46	\$30.70
Blattner Energy	\$533,000	12	\$6.20
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