



# SKOL NEWS

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### **Skol Approved for TAA Grant**

After a lengthy review and application process, Skol has been approved to receive a Trade Adjustment Assistance grant. [Trade Adjustment Assistance for Firms](#) (TAA), a federal program, provides financial assistance to [manufacturers](#) affected by import competition. Sponsored by the U.S. Department of Commerce, this cost sharing federal assistance program pays for half the cost of consultants or industry-specific experts for [projects](#) that improve a manufacturer's competitiveness.

"This is a testament to the reality that government programs can and do work," said Director of Business Development Andrew Shykofsky. "We have a number of projects that can now move forward as a result of the funding through this program.

Skol will commission a new website, upgrade software and partner with various lead generation services in order to grow its business and prepare for a strong start in 2010. Success attaining the grant was provided by [Applied Strategies International](#), a private not-for-profit corporation that administers the program on behalf of the U.S. Department of Commerce in Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin. ASI acts as a liaison between manufacturers/service firms and the U.S. Department of Commerce and remains the company's advocate throughout the program.

*Skol Manufacturing Company is based in Chicago, Illinois and services clients all over the country making metal parts in cold rolled steel, galvanized steel, stainless steel and aluminum. We also fabricate custom work in bronze, brass and copper, Skol is a sheet metal fabrication business specializing in custom lighting fixtures for commercial and institutional applications, electronic cabinets, chassis, and construction parts. In addition we fabricate precision parts for OEMs, electrical applications and traditional job shop custom work from client provided drawings and blue prints.*

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