The Manufacturing Institute Selected as National Partner to Grow Apprenticeships in Manufacturing

Initiative will enable more companies to provide students and workers with skills for success

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14, 2016 — The Manufacturing Institute is proud to be partnering with the National Institute for Metalworking Skills (NIMS), which was been selected by the United States Department of Labor as an industry intermediary to support the expansion of registered apprenticeships within manufacturing. The Institute will work with NIMS to increase access to apprenticeships and assist employers in developing new programs that reach diverse talent pools. As part of this initiative, $500,000 is available to support companies in establishing a registered apprenticeship program with the Department of Labor.

“For over two decades, NIMS has worked with companies, workforce development groups and community colleges to stand-up high-caliber apprenticeship programs across the country,” said Jim Wall, Executive Director, NIMS. “This contract gives us the unique opportunity to create more impact in our industry by expanding apprenticeships to underrepresented populations and to new companies looking to establish a sustainable talent pipeline.”

The Institute provides a variety of resources to help manufacturers build an apprenticeship program. The apprenticeship model brings together community colleges and employers and is rapidly taking hold as a viable training approach that can quickly and effectively build the manufacturing workforce of the future.

NIMS will focus on providing companies with tools and resources to develop customized registered apprenticeship programs. These programs combine on-the-job training with job-related classroom instruction and meet national standards for registration with the Department of Labor or State Apprenticeship Agencies.

“The Institute is proud to support manufacturers with resources that empower them to act in their communities,” Jennifer McNelly, executive director of The Manufacturing Institute, said. “Apprenticeships can help close the skills gap and develop a qualified talent pipeline.”

Other stakeholders supporting expansion of registered apprenticeships in manufacturing include:

- AMT - The Association for Manufacturing Technology
- National Tooling and Machining Association (NTMA)
- Precision Machined Products Association (PMPA)
- Precision Metalforming Association (PMA)
NIMS is seeking companies and industry partners that are interested in enhancing their talent pipelines through apprenticeships.

Companies that are interested in building an apprenticeship program or organizations that are interested in partnering with NIMS should go to www.mfgapprenticeship.com or email the NIMS ApprenticeshipUSA team at apprenticeship@nims-skills.org.

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**About The Manufacturing Institute**

The Manufacturing Institute (the Institute) is the 501(c)(3) affiliate of the National Association of Manufacturers. As a non-partisan organization, the Institute is committed to delivering leading-edge information and services to the nation’s manufacturers. The Institute is the authority on the attraction, qualification and development of world-class manufacturing talent. For more information, please visit www.themanufacturinginstitute.org.

**About NIMS**

NIMS is the developer of quality competency-based skills standards and credentials for jobs in manufacturing and related industries. In September 2016, NIMS was selected by the Department of Labor as an industry intermediary to support the expansion of registered apprenticeship within manufacturing. Through these efforts, NIMS certifies a safe and skilled workforce for the global economy.