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Robert C. Byrd Institute Joins the M-List

School offers for-credit program options in machining, welding and robotics.

Washington, DC, July 24, 2014: The Manufacturing Institute is pleased to recognize the Robert C. Byrd Institute for Advanced Flexible Manufacturing (RCBI) as the newest member of the M-List. Serving for more than 20 years as West Virginia’s Advanced Manufacturing Technology Center, RCBI is recognized for its industry-focused machining, welding and robotics courses. Students at RCBI are eligible to earn certifications from the National Institute for Metalworking Skills, the American Welding Society and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. An option in each RCBI program enables students to earn an Associate in Applied Science Degree by completing additional course work through a local community & technical college.

“We are excited to join the M-List – and especially pleased to be the first organization in West Virginia to do so,” said Charlotte Weber, RCBI’s Director & CEO. “Industry standards are essential in developing the proper skills and enhancing the expertise of men and women who make things in America. Great things are happening in manufacturing, and we’re proud to work in partnership with the Manufacturing Institute to ensure a skilled workforce is available to industry.”

The M-List recognizes high schools, community colleges, and universities that are teaching manufacturing students to industry standards. Specifically, these institutions offer students the opportunity to earn NAM-Endorsed Manufacturing Skills Certifications as a standard part of their manufacturing education programs.

Companies and schools interested in joining this effort or learning more can visit

www.themanufacturinginstitute.org/Skills-Certification/M-List/M-List.aspx.

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