

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **What is the M-List?**

The M-List represents national institutions that have been recognized as "Manufacturers Endorsed." These institutions include community colleges, technical schools, high schools, and four-year colleges and universities that deliver high-quality manufacturing training programs. The measure of quality is set by the manufacturing industry, in that schools on the M-List have technical programs that align to industry certifications in areas such as production, welding, and machining.

### **What are the purpose and goals of the M-List?**

The M-List is both a marker of excellence and a commitment to a cause. It was launched to recognize outstanding manufacturing education and training programs and to guide additional schools in developing rigorous and relevant technical education pathways. The M-List benefits manufacturers, skilled workers, students and career changers looking to upgrade their skills, and site selection agents looking for a region with a commitment to manufacturing skills.

### **How can an institution be added to the list?**

To be added to the M-List, we start with a brief application, which requests information about the institution, the certifications offered that are part of the NAM-Endorsed Skills Certification System, and the programs that lead to industry certification. Most of the time, this application is sufficient and can be completed very easily by a dean or equivalent head of the manufacturing programs.

### **Where can I find more information about the M-List?**

The Manufacturing Institute's website has extensive information about the M-List, as well as all M-List institutions, the criteria required to join the M-List, and a link to the application.