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The Manufacturing Institute Releases Third Spotlight on Community College Consortium for Bioscience Credentials

Companies Benefit from Salt Lake Community College Medical Device Program as Incumbent Worker Training

WASHINGTON, June 3, 2016: Today, The Manufacturing Institute released the third Community College Consortium for Bioscience Credentials (c³bc) spotlight on Salt Lake Community College (SLCC). This is the third of five best practices that the Institute will release over the next several months.

The c³bc is a multistate consortium of 12 community colleges engaged in an educational and training initiative funded by the U.S. Department of Labor under grant TC- 23761-12-60-A-37. Under the c³bc, 12 Community Colleges nationwide coordinate to support strategies to assist grant participants to obtain employment in high-wage, high-skill occupations, such as biotechnology, biomanufacturing, and medical devices.

As part of the Community College Consortium for Bioscience Credentials (c3bc), SLCC developed its Medical Device Manufacturing program to build a pipeline of talent and increase the knowledge and skill set of those in medical device careers. The program includes four, eight-week long courses that provide individuals with core knowledge and skills needed to be successful in the medical device industry. Those courses are Intro to Medical Device Industry, Basic Manufacturing Skills, Intro to FDA Regulations, and Intro to Quality Systems. The course content aligns with national industry-recognized skill standards (c3bc Medical Device Skill Standards), with emphasis on FDA compliance with 21 CFR 800 Series and ISO 13485.

Using this program for incumbent worker training, two local manufacturers, BioFire Diagnostics and ATL Technology, have partnered with SLCC to build the skills their current workers need to be successful employees.

To read the full spotlight on SLCC's training program visit: <http://www.themanufacturinginstitute.org/Skills-Certification/Educator-Resources/Best-Practices/Spotlights.aspx>

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