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

*Companies Receive High Return on Investment from Partnership with LAVC's Biotech Bridge Training Academy*

**WASHINGTON, May 10, 2016:** Today, The Manufacturing Institute released the second Community College Consortium for Bioscience Credentials (c<sup>3</sup>bc) spotlight on Los Angeles Valley College (LAVC). This is the second of five best practices that the Institute will release over the next several months.

The c<sup>3</sup>bc 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 c<sup>3</sup>bc, 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), LAVC developed its Biotech Bridge Training program to build a pipeline of talent to fill open manufacturing technician positions. The training program is a six-week program designed to help students develop a much-needed set of core skills and competencies targeted specifically for the bioscience industry. From the program, students receive employability skills, resume and interview preparation, contextualized math and science, and a guaranteed interview upon completing the courses.

Hundreds of candidates around the greater Los Angeles area apply for the program, LAVC prescreens the candidates, and with the help of local manufacturing partners, Baxalta and Grifols Biologicals Inc., the college selects its final candidates for the program, usually around 20 to 30 students per program.

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

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