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Fifty Schools Join Get Skills to Work Initiative

Colleges offer programs in advanced manufacturing for transitioning veterans

Washington, DC, March 4, 2014: The Get Skills to Work Initiative announced today that more than 50 colleges are now part of the coalition of industry, educators, and non-profit organizations helping veterans discover careers in advanced manufacturing. Get Skills to Work, a partnership among the Manufacturing Institute, GE, Boeing, Lockheed Martin, Alcoa, and more than 500 manufacturing companies, will work with these institutions of higher education to further expand accelerated training and certification opportunities for U.S. veterans in advanced manufacturing.

“The Manufacturing Institute is proud to partner with these outstanding schools who are committed to investing in veterans and workforce training that has a real impact in communities across the country,” said Jennifer McNelly, President, The Manufacturing Institute. “Working with educators and employers, we are creating real opportunities for transitioning service members to get the skills they need to access in-demand manufacturing careers.”

“As one of the first schools to partner with Get Skills to Work, we’re excited to see 49 more schools joining us in teaching veterans manufacturing skills,” said Thomas J. Snyder, President of Ivy Tech Community College. “Through Get Skills to Work, we’ve welcomed veterans onto our campuses and see the motivation and discipline they bring to learning new manufacturing skills.”

At a time when the manufacturing industry has a well-documented skills gap, veterans represent an important pipeline of talented workers. Many veterans have training and

experience that match up to manufacturing careers, in areas as diverse as welding, machining, logistics, and maintenance. For those veterans requiring additional training and industry certifications to prepare for the civilian manufacturing workforce, accelerated postsecondary programs can bridge the gap for transitioning veterans. That is why expanding educational opportunities through Get Skills to Work is so important to the manufacturers in the coalition. The schools prioritize veterans in their training programs, align programs to manufacturing industry certifications, and maximize opportunities for veterans to use their GI Bill and other benefits toward technical training.

Veterans like Daniel Brewer and James Giuffre are helping close the skills gap after graduating from the Get Skills to Work training program at Cincinnati State. Brewer, a Navy veteran, is now using the skills he acquired working on aircraft and perfected through Get Skills to Work as a technician with GE Aviation. Giuffre, an Ohio National Guardsman, returned from a tour in Afghanistan with many skills but no job. Since taking part in Get Skills to Work, he secured a job at an advanced manufacturing facility outside of Cincinnati.

The full list of schools engaged can be found here:

www.themanufacturinginstitute.org/Initiatives/Get-Skills-to-Work/Education/Ed-page.aspx.

Schools, companies and veterans interested in joining this effort or learning more can visit GetSkillstoWork.org or join us on Facebook at [Facebook.com/GetSkillstoWork](https://www.facebook.com/GetSkillstoWork) and Twitter [@GetSkillstoWork](https://twitter.com/GetSkillstoWork).

Below is a list of states with our partnering institutions that are committed to training veterans:

Arizona

Maricopa County Community College
District

California

El Camino College

Florida

Broward College
Daytona State College
Florida Gateway College
Florida State College at Jacksonville
Gulf Coast State College
Hillsborough Community College

Florida (cont'd)

Indian River State College
Palm Beach State College
Pasco-Hernando State College
Polk State College
St. Petersburg College
State College of Florida -- Manatee -
Sarasota
Tallahassee Community College
Valencia College

Kansas

Wichita Area Technical College

Illinois

Danville Area College
Elgin Community College
Harper College
Illinois Valley Community College
Kankakee Community College
Kishwaukee College
Prairie State College
Richard J. Daley College
Southwestern Illinois College
Triton College
Waubensee Community College

Indiana

Ivy Tech Community College Southwest

Iowa

Des Moines Area Community College

Minnesota

Dunwoody College of Technology
South Central College

Nevada

Western Nevada College

North Carolina

Central Carolina Community College
Central Piedmont Community College
Cleveland Community College
Forsyth Technical Community College
Halifax Community College

Ohio

Cincinnati State Technical and Community
College
Lorain County Community College
Stark State College

Oklahoma

Francis Tuttle Technology Center

Pennsylvania

Central Pennsylvania Institute of Science
and Technology
Lancaster County Career & Technology
Center
Lehigh Career & Technical Institute

Texas

Alamo Colleges

Houston Community College

Lone Star College System

Tarrant County College District

Virginia

ECPI University

Wisconsin

Gateway Technical College

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