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### **Kankakee Community College Joins the M-List**

*College offers for-credit programs in advanced manufacturing*

**Washington, DC, December 4, 2013:** The Manufacturing Institute is pleased to recognize Kankakee Community College as the newest member of the M-List. Located in Kankakee, Ill., KCC is acknowledged for their outstanding manufacturing logistics, production and welding programs.

The college created a new Manufacturing Technology associate degree in response to feedback from employers who wanted more skilled manufacturing workers. The program offers specializations and certifications in four areas: Industrial Maintenance, Manufacturing Machine Tool, Transportation/Warehousing/Distribution/Logistics and Welding.

“Coursework in this program is tailored to get students ready for manufacturing jobs,” said Mark Anderson, who coordinates KCC’s program. “Students begin at a level which matches their skills, from basic skills all the way to advanced maintenance. Then they take courses and earn certifications until they enter the workforce or their academic goals are met. Employers also can send workers to add to their skills.”

The KCC Manufacturing Technology is funded in part by a grant from the U.S. Department of Labor’s Employment and Training Administration.

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 veterans interested in joining this effort or learning more can visit

<http://www.themanufacturinginstitute.org/Skills-Certification/M-List/M-List.aspx>.

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