

## PRESS RELEASE

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### M-List Grows to Over 50 Schools Nationwide

*Colleges offer NAM-Endorsed Skills Certifications to Help Close the Skills Gap*

**Washington, DC, August 30, 2013:** The Manufacturing Institute is pleased to announce over 50 schools have joined the “M-List.” Recognizing excellence in manufacturing education, the M-List distinguishes schools that are preparing workers up to industry standards in advanced manufacturing.

While manufacturing remains an important economic force in regions across the country, it now confronts some serious challenges, including the deteriorating condition of our workforce and, the next generation workforce. In our most recent [skills gap report](#), 82% of manufacturers reported a moderate-to-serious shortage in skilled production labor. As a nation we need a new strategy for our manufacturing workforce, grounded in industry standards, with new and renewed cooperation with industry, education, economic development, and the public workforce investment system; that strategy is the NAM-Endorsed Skills Certification System.

The select schools on the M-List have arranged their coursework around industry guidelines, and they make sure students earn credentials that are in the manufacturing Skills Certification System. With such a trusted standard, it takes the guesswork out of hiring the welders, machinists, production workers, and other key positions that make manufacturing hum.

Congratulations to the schools:

#### Arizona

Maricopa County Community College District

#### Arkansas

Southern Arkansas University Tech

#### California

California State University, Chico

College of the Canyons

Reedley College

#### Florida

Brevard Community College

Broward College

College of Central Florida

#### Florida (cont'd)

Florida Gateway College

Florida State College at Jacksonville

Hillsborough Community College

Indian River State College

Pensacola State College

State College

St. Petersburg College

State College of Florida

Tallahassee Community College

#### Illinois

Harper College

Richard J. Daley College - City Colleges of Chicago

Indiana

Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana

Iowa

Des Moines Area Community College

Kirkwood Community College

Kansas

Wichita Area Technical College

Massachusetts

Quinsigamond Community College

Michigan

Kellogg Community College

Minnesota

Anoka Technical College

Dunwoody College of Technology

Saint Paul College

South Central College

Nevada

Western Nevada College

North Carolina

Cape Fear Community College

Central Carolina Community College

Central Piedmont Community College

Cleveland Community College

Forsyth Technical Community College

North Carolina (cont'd)

Halifax Community College

Randolph Community College

Ohio

Cuyahoga Community College

Lorain County Community College

Stark State College

Oklahoma

Francis Tuttle Technology Center

Southern Oklahoma Technology Center

Tulsa Technology Center

Pennsylvania

Central Pennsylvania Institute of Science and Technology

Community College of Allegheny County

Lehigh Career and Technical Institute

Reading Area Community College

South Carolina

Florence-Darlington Technical College

Texas

Alamo Colleges

Washington

Shoreline Community College

Wisconsin

Gateway Technical College

If your institution is interested in being endorsed by manufacturers and added to the M-List, [please submit an application here](#).

To learn more, please visit <http://www.themanufacturinginstitute.org/Skills-Certification/M-List/M-List.aspx>.

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