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QCC Addresses Manufacturing Skills Shortage in Central Massachusetts through Events and Partnerships

Worcester, MA – In collaboration with the Massachusetts Manufacturing Extension Partnership, Quinsigamond Community College has signed an innovative agreement to award three college elective credits toward a QCC Manufacturing Technology degree for those who complete MassMEP’s Time Wise Mobile Outreach Skills Training (M.O.S.T.®) in manufacturing. The M.O.S.T. program addresses the shortage of skilled technical workers for entry level production jobs and can prepare individuals in a fraction of time of traditional programs.

“We are thrilled to be aligned with MassMEP,” stated Gail Carberry, President of Quinsigamond Community College. “Our Manufacturing Technology degree is a perfect next step to the M.O.S.T. program for individuals who want additional advanced manufacturing education and training.”

The College and its Massachusetts Technician Education Collaborative (Mass-TEC) partners are also sponsoring an outreach event for career counselors on Friday, December 12 at Workforce Central in downtown Worcester. The event, made possible by a grant from the National Science Foundation, will provide career advisors and employment coaches with an overview of the state of manufacturing in the region and will share information on education pathways, skills training, and career options for area residents. The program will also include a presentation by Commonwealth Corporation, discussion with employees in the field, and a hands-on tour of MassMEP’s Mobile Training Unit – a bus-sized vehicle equipped to train up to twelve people at one time in entry level machine operator skills.

In addition to area career counselors and employment coaches, staff and administrators from QCC, the Worcester Community Action Council, the Central Massachusetts Regional Employment Board, and area high schools will attend. The event, titled, “Advanced Manufacturing: It’s Not Your Father’s Manufacturing!”, will convene at the Workforce Central Career Center at 44 Front Street, Worcester, and begin at 11:30am. Advanced registration is requested.

LOCATION: 44 Front Street, Worcester

DATE: Friday, December 12

TIME: 11:30am – 2:00pm

RSVP: 508-854-2713