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Classes Begin for Manufacturing Skill Standards Council Training at College of DuPage

St. Charles, IL - October 1, 2007 - Bison has collaborated with a team of local leaders along with the College of DuPage, to develop the Skilled Workforce Initiative, to assist with the shortage of finding qualified personnel in the manufacturing industry. The benefit of the program is that it offers a solution and help prepare entry level workers to be effective in their positions by acquiring the skill sets necessary.

The classes will meet weekly for 12 weeks and the curriculum will include a variety of skills, such as, applied math and manufacturing practices, blueprint reading, hand tool usage, and employment, life and safety skills. Participants must be at least 18 years old, be legal residents and meet qualification determined assessments.

The program begins October 29, 2007 from 1:00 pm - 4:50 pm and concludes December 19, 2007. Upon successful completion students will receive a portable certificate from MSSC - Manufacturing Skill Standard Council reflecting their skills and will be interviewed by partnered Manufacturing companies for employment. Participants will also be granted college credit from the College of DuPage upon successful completion in special sections of MSSC delivery system courses such as; Manufacturing Technology 1180 Quality Control (3 semester hours), Manufacturing Technology 2200 Production Technology (4 semester hours), Manufacturing Technology 2800 Industrial Safety (2 semester hours).

Schedule Includes:

Sign-up - September 7 - October 19, 2007
Orientation - October 23, 2007
Classes begin - October 29, 2007

Students interested in the program should contact Dr. Mark Meyer at 630-942-2038 or meyer@cod.edu. It is important for prospective students to take a reading and math placement test. Each student will be assigned a counselor.

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