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Ivy Tech Corporate College and LIFT launch Industrial Manufacturing Technician Registered Apprenticeship program with Stant in Connersville

Richmond, Ind. - Ivy Tech Corporate College and the Labor Institute for Training (LIFT) are launching the new Industrial Manufacturing Technician Registered Apprenticeship program in Indiana. The apprenticeship program will start September 13 at Stant at their worldwide headquarters and manufacturing facility in Connersville. Stant is a global supplier of Vapor Management Systems, Fuel Delivery Systems, Thermal Management Systems and Engineering Services.

Rick Barnett, Stant Plant Manager, said, "Our employees are stepping up and helping Stant continue to advance here in Connersville. This is important to our vision for the future. When it came to the training, there was no question - Ivy Tech was our first choice."

Ivy Tech Corporate College Richmond, the U.S. Department of Labor and LIFT are excited to announce Stant will be the first in the state to enroll apprentices in the Industrial Manufacturing Technician (IMT) Apprenticeship program for Indiana companies as part of the U.S. DOL American Apprenticeship Initiative. The IMT is a new occupation registered with the Department of Labor and those who complete the program are recognized journey workers.

Chad Bolser, Ivy Tech Campus President Richmond/Connersville, said, "We are thrilled to be a part of this training and apprentice program in Connersville. The ability to effectively train incumbent workers through our Corporate College is essential to meeting the needs of our great employer partners like Stant. It is further evidence the partnership between Ivy Tech, the Economic Development Group, Fayette County School Corporation and Alliance for Strategic Growth to keep our presence in the Connersville Instructional Center is paying off. This is a great day for Connersville."

Stant is directing the program toward current employees in order to improve long term productivity and retention in their workforce. Ivy Tech Corporate College will deliver the training at the Ivy Tech Instructional Center in Connersville. There will be two classes meeting weekly over an 18 month period for 264 hours of instruction to be complemented by 2736 hours of on-the-job training.

Clayton Judd, Stant Human Resources Manager, said, "A key factor in the program's launch at Stant has been the work by management and our union partners to adopt the new occupation as an employee/member title. Investment in our employees is an essential component in the long term success of our organization."

Course content includes the Manufacturing Skill Standards Council (MSSC) Certified Production Technician components and certification, math and employability skills classes including Train the Trainer, coaching, Lean and communication skills. In addition to becoming journey workers after the program, the Certified Production Technician (CPT) certification equates to six (6) academic credits in selected Ivy Tech Industrial Technology Degree Program Pathways for those wishing to build further credentials. The shared vision of LIFT, Ivy Tech and Stant is to retain and develop talent and to create career pathways that lead to long term productivity gains for everyone.

Kim Thurlow, Corporate College Executive, said "Stant and LIFT are taking a very proactive approach to building and retaining talent, which is key to the future of manufacturing today. I'm proud that Ivy Tech is the preferred training partner for industry for the IMT apprenticeship, and I couldn't be happier that this investment is coming to Connersville." For more information about the Industrial Manufacturing Technician Registered Apprenticeship program, contact Cathy Metcalf, Director Workforce Services, Labor Institute for Training, 513-476-3304, or cathymetcalf@lift-usa.org.

About Ivy Tech Community College

Ivy Tech Community College is the state's largest public postsecondary institution and the nation's largest singly accredited statewide community college system. Ivy Tech has campuses throughout Indiana. It serves as the state's engine of workforce development, offering affordable degree programs and training that are aligned with the needs of its community along with courses and programs that transfer to other colleges and universities in Indiana. It is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and a member of the North Central Association.

About LIFT

The Labor Institute for Training (LIFT) is a non-profit organization based in Indianapolis, Indiana. LIFT serves as a workforce intermediary to advocate for and assist in the development and administration of educational programs that empower the individual to increase their career opportunities. LIFT supports life-long learning and self-improvement through quality, collaborative programs between labor, business, government, educat