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19 Graduate from Manufacturing Matters, a Fast Track Manufacturing Training Program in East Central Indiana

Richmond, IN (June 6, 2014) - The fast track training program for good jobs, Manufacturing Matters, graduates 19 area residents in its spring class June 6. The program led by Ivy Tech Community College Richmond's Corporate College in collaboration with WorkOne is accepting program applications.

The class will celebrate completing the program at a job fair interviewing with local manufacturers who are program partners. The graduates completing the course and examinations earn the nationally recognized certification- Certified Production Technician (CPT).

The spring class includes Richmond residents Trevor Atkins, Rick Baker, James Barger, Chris Becker, Derek Dixon, Eric Hampshire, Larry Hampshire, Brenda Hollinger, Eddie Jarrett-Clark, Anna Lukacek, Eric Matthews, Jessica Sears, William Story and Andre Tevis, Jason Eric Johnson II, Charles Johnson and Karen Koppinger, Cambridge City, Barry Quante, Connersville, and Dustan Wilson, Williamsburg.

Manufacturing employer partners include Color-Box, Emerson Climate Technologies, GE Roots Connersville, Johns Manville, Mosey Manufacturing Company, Primex Plastics Corporation, Richmond Baking Company, Stant USA Corporation, Trane/Ingersoll Rand and Vandor Corporation.

Applicants qualifying for the program receive a full scholarship worth \$2600. To qualify for the program applicants must complete WorkKeys testing, participate in an interview and pass a drug screening.

Training includes Safety; Quality and Measurement; Manufacturing Production; and Maintenance Awareness. Participants learn valuable skills and receive an orientation to what

it's like to work in manufacturing – equipping them to make better decisions in seeking employment. To learn more and apply online visit **manufacturingmatters.info**.

Duke Energy, the Economic Growth Group, Wayne County Foundation, Wayne County Area Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Corporation of Wayne County are among program funders.

WorkOne coordinates the application and qualification process. Ivy Tech Community College Richmond's Corporate College and WorkOne provide the job training and employability skills.

Manufacturing Matters is a collaborative effort of the Economic Development Corporation of Wayne County, the Rush County Economic & Community Development Corporation, Economic Development Group of Fayette County, Wayne County Area Chamber of Commerce, Rush County Chamber of Commerce, Connersville Chamber of Commerce, Mayor's Office City of Richmond, Mayor's Office City of Connersville, Mayor's Office City of Rushville, WorkOne, Ivy Tech Corporate College and manufacturing employers.

Prospective applicants are urged to apply at manufacturingmatters.info. Questions contact: Acacia St. John, astjohn@work-one.org or Gail Martin, gmartin@work-one.org or 765-962-8591 ext. 2702.

Ivy Tech Community College is the state's largest public postsecondary institution and the nation's largest singly accredited statewide community college system serving nearly 200,000 students annually. 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 communities. In addition, its courses and programs transfer to other colleges and universities in Indiana. It is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and is a member of the North Central Association.