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DWD Secretary Newson Visits Production Boot Camps

CLEVELAND — Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development Secretary Reggie Newson paid a visit to LTC–Manitowoc and Manitowoc Company Cranes Division to greet students and accompany them on a company tour as part of the Production Technician Boot Camp, which will train job seekers for open manufacturing positions at area businesses.

The camp matches job seekers with local companies like Manitowoc Cranes in order to fill positions requiring specialized manufacturing skills. Progress Lakeshore and Lakeshore Technical College, with support from a Wisconsin Fast Forward Grant, partnered to develop the program to train applicants in the needed skills to fill open positions more quickly.

"Governor Walker's Blueprint for Prosperity initiative is developing a robust pipeline of skilled workers to help Wisconsin employers fill high-demand jobs through a \$35.4 million investment in training projects to reduce technical college wait lists and increase job training opportunities for high school students and individuals with disabilities," said Newson. "Lakeshore Technical College is an important partner in this region – working with businesses, like Manitowoc Cranes, to identify and implement innovative training solutions including the Production Technician Boot Camp."

The boot camp provides graduates with training in four areas of manufacturing skills. Safety, Quality Practices & Measurement, Manufacturing Processes & Production, and Maintenance Awareness are the focus of the curriculum. Students passing all four areas receive a Certified Production Technician (CPT) Certification and six credits that can be used for additional training towards a degree. The Boot Camps

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not only address the immediate need by local manufacturers for skilled workforce, but also provides a head start to obtaining a higher credential such as a technical diploma or associate degree.

Local companies have offered to send current employees to the camp to offer their experience. Beamaco LLC, The Cawley Company, Jagemann Stamping, Kaysun Corporation, KI, LDI Industries, Manitowoc Cranes, Northern Labs and Stecker Machine Company have agreed to contribute to the boot camp and to conduct job interviews of the graduates.

LTC offers two more boot camps in food production and industrial maintenance, and plans to set up another boot camp during September and October for presently employed people seeking to transition to a manufacturing career.

About Lakeshore Technical College

Lakeshore Technical College is a leading provider of technical education offering more than 120 career programs including associate degrees, technical diplomas, technical certificates and apprenticeship programs. In addition, LTC offers distance learning, customized training to business and industry, and continuing education opportunities.

Serving a 200,500-resident population in east central Wisconsin, LTC operates a main campus in Cleveland and additional learning sites at LTC Manitowoc, LTC Sheboygan, LTC-Plymouth Science & Technology Center, and the Lakeshore Culinary Institute. The college also operates Community Education Centers at area high schools in Kiel, Mishicot, Plymouth, Random Lake, Reedsville, and Two Rivers; and 27 distance learning sites. LTC's mission is to enrich lives and strengthen the economy by preparing a workforce that is skilled, diverse and flexible. On average, 87% of LTC graduates work in the LTC District which includes Manitowoc and Sheboygan Counties, and parts of Calumet and Ozaukee Counties. Visit LTC at: www.gotoltc.edu.

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