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M.O.S.T. MASSACHUSETTS YOUNG PEOPLE ARE IN SEARCH OF A JOB: MASS MEP'S MOBILE TRAINING UNIT CAN HELP

State-of-the-Art Mobile Outreach Skills Training Mobile Training Unit, Equipped to Help Fill Numerous CNC Machine Operator Positions, Travels to State House on Wednesday for Demonstrations, Tours

There is a critical need to fill jobs in machine shops across Massachusetts and in other manufacturing facilities across the country, a need that many of the state's young people could fill. However, industry leaders claim young people are not engaged or excited about the industry, and place a negative stigma on manufacturing. Less and less vocational schools in the state are offering machining as a trade curriculum, due to lack of resources and interest from young students.

To address this issue, MassMEP is administering the M.O.S.T. program. M.O.S.T., which stands for Mobile Outreach Skills Training, is a program that uses a Mobile Training Unit (MTU) to train these young would-be workers to fill a number of vacant computerized numerical-control (CNC) machine operator positions and other general manufacturing positions that are in high-demand at manufacturing companies in the state. This is the next phase of the skills training program, which was originally funded by the U.S. Department of Labor.

The training program is conducted in two phases. In Phase One, trainees participate in an intensive 80-hour basic operator skills training process, which is followed by Phase Two, a 60 day on-the-job training process.

On Wednesday, November 28, from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., the M.O.S.T. mobile training lab will visit the Massachusetts State House. Key legislators are invited to tour the facility, and hear a briefing the training the MassMEP can provide for the hundreds of manufacturers in the state.

WHO: Ted Bauer, Machining Project Coordinator, MassMEP
Massachusetts State Legislators

WHAT: Tours of M.O.S.T. Mobile Training Unit and demonstrations on ways MassMEP's M.O.S.T. program can help with the shortage of skilled CNC workers in the state and engage young people in manufacturing

WHEN: Wednesday, November 28 from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

WHERE: Massachusetts State House, 24 Beacon Street, Boston, MA