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December 6, 2017

To PTC Apprentice Supporters,

The 1<sup>st</sup> spring term classes begin on Wednesday December 20, 2017 and will be held every Monday and Wednesday from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in Building 1.

The Machining Apprenticeship offered at Pinellas Technical College is the curriculum of The National Institute for Metalworking Skills (NIMS) Apprenticeships. This is a competency based program that allows students to complete modules based on their level of skill proficiency which can shorten the amount of time required to complete the program. There are several benefits to this program such as an easy-to-follow curriculum, standardized testing, and opportunities that can result in nationally recognized certifications. NIMS offers 10 different Apprenticeships that range from 3 certifications to 12 certifications, which include Machinist, CNC Machinist, Tool & Die maker and Mold Maker.

If you would like to find out more about NIMS go to [www.nims-skills.org](http://www.nims-skills.org). The books we use are titled Precision Machining Technology and Precision Machining Technology Workbook. You purchase the books by Goggling Delmar Cengage Learning. The bundle of two books costs around \$135.00 plus shipping. You may also buy the books at Amazon.com. The price is about \$10.00 cheaper with free shipping.

Each student must meet the following requirements:

1. Be 18 years of age or over, have a high school diploma or GED (copy required).
2. Be working at a company that will sponsor and support the training program through the Apprenticeship
3. Successfully complete an interview process with the Machining Apprenticeship Coordinator.
4. Take the TABE test with a passing score at PTC.

Additionally, there are some expenses that are recommended that the company assist the Apprentice with covering:

1. Pay the registration fee of \$40.00
2. Purchase the NIMS program textbooks which cost approximately \$135.00

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Finally, support will be provided by a grant from NIMS for the student to take required certifications tests and the State of Florida will pay the tuition for your student.

Pinellas Technical College will begin registering students for the 1<sup>st</sup> spring term classes starting Wednesday December 6, 2017. Please contact me if you have any questions or would like more information about the programs. If you have any employee(s), or know of another company interested in participating, please have them contact me ASAP so we can set up an interview and begin the application process.

If the Machining Apprenticeship Program does not match your company's needs but you are in need of other programs such as CNC Mill, CNC Lathe, Master Cam, Solid Works Training, Manual Mill, Manual Lathe, and Surface Grinding; please be aware that Pinellas Technical College offers these classes for a minimal tuition fee.

Sincerely,

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