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## **Free Manufacturing Training Available in February**

LIMA, Ohio- A free month-long class to prepare entry-level manufacturing employees will be held in February, 2015.

The West Central Ohio Manufacturing Consortium (WCOMC) will offer its Basic Manufacturing Pathway class February 4-27 at Ohio Means Jobs – Allen County, 1501 South Dixie Highway, Lima. This 40-hour class will be held Wednesdays and Fridays, 10 am to 3 pm.

The course is available at no cost to students thanks to a Community Development Block Grant awarded to Rhodes State College and the WCOMC from the City of Lima.

Interested persons may register by calling the WCOMC at 419-995-8353 by Tuesday, February 3.

Curriculum in the Basic Manufacturing Pathway class reflects manufacturers' skill requirements for entry-level employees. It covers basic math, quality, continuous improvement and safety. Much of this program addresses workplace or "soft" skills such as communication and teamwork. It also includes resume writing, registering on the Ohio Means Jobs website, and applying for a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to inform students if they qualify for Pell grants and other financial aid for future education they may consider.

"Demand has remained strong for manufacturing jobs in this region, and this course can help prepare students for applying for these jobs," said WCOMC Director Doug Durliat. "We have made changes to this course to reflect industry's skill needs for entry-level employees."