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**Registration open for free manufacturing training
Classes start August 19 at New Century Careers**

Pittsburgh, PA – July 16, 2019 -- Free machinist training for manufacturing careers begins on August 19 at New Century Careers Training and Innovation Center, 305 E. Carson Street, South Side. Classes are Monday-Friday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. for up to 22 weeks.

MANUFACTURING 2000 (M2K), a program of New Century Careers (NCC), offers entry-level training to qualified applicants at no charge through the efforts of area manufacturers, educators, foundations, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the US Department of Justice, and the US Department of Labor. The program strengthens the Southwestern Pennsylvania economy by supplying area manufacturers in critical need of employees a trained pool of candidates to replace their aging workforce.

M2K is a PA State Registered Pre-Apprenticeship Program.

M2K program applicants must be at least 18 years old, have a high school diploma or GED, demonstrate successful performance on an industry-developed aptitude test, and submit a completed application, including high school transcripts and two reference letters. Interested candidates may view the M2K application at www.ncsquared.com/manufacturing-2000/.

Machinist training students learn the basics of operating pedestal grinders, saws, drill press, surface grinders, lathes, vertical milling machines, and CNC machines. Students also learn blueprint reading, applied math theory, layout, and bench work. Students also attend various soft skill seminars as well as field trips to local manufacturers.

“M2K’s ultimate goal is to place trained candidates in full-time positions with Southwestern Pennsylvania companies,” says Paul Anselmo, president and CEO, New Century Careers. Upon completion of training, students work with NCC staff to prepare a resume, refine interview skills and search for a job with one of NCC’s manufacturing partners. “Working closely with students and manufacturers to make appropriate employment matches is a critical component of our program,” Anselmo adds.

In addition, trainees can work on actual manufacturing projects as part of the New Century Careers recently launched New Century Job Shop at the same South Side location. The New Century Job Shop provides controlled work experiences for individuals who have barriers to employment. This marketable experience supplements entry-level skills as trainees work on parts for prototype to small batch production runs for small, medium or large companies.

Since 1997, more than 160 Southwestern Pennsylvania manufacturers of all sizes have partnered with New Century Careers to recruit high-quality employees and improve their skills.

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Companies that sign partner agreements with New Century Careers and hire M2K graduates pay a small fee, only a fraction of what the employer would have had to pay for training that individual.

New Century Careers continually recruits qualified applicants for training in machining at their South Side, McKeesport and Westmoreland County sites. For additional information call 1-800-822-9337 or go to www.ncsquared.com.

About New Century Careers

New Century Careers (NCC) contributes to the economic health of southwestern Pennsylvania through meeting manufacturing workforce needs by working to deliver a capable workforce to employers of the region. NCC seeks to improve the lives of individuals through the development of skills that lead to good quality, family wage jobs and careers. NCC was established in 1999 as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit and is currently celebrating 20 years of service to the community. For more information, visit www.ncsquared.com

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