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Over 500 Students from Eight Schools Visit Regional Manufacturers for Inside Look at Manufacturing

Company Owners and Educators Come Together to Tout Regional Advanced Manufacturing

JEFFERSONVILLE, IND. (October 1, 2015) – October 2, 2015 is National Manufacturing Day. In honor of this national event, manufacturers and educators from Clark, Floyd, Harrison and Scott counties joined forces to educate youth, and the public at large, about the many career options available in this important sector of the economy.

Today, during a press conference at the Perkins Technology Center at the Ivy Tech Jeffersonville Campus, students, members of the press, community leaders and parents heard from speakers on a variety of manufacturing topics. Discussion included the role of manufacturing in our region and the role of education in manufacturing, opportunities for training and benefits of a career in the industry. Speakers included:

- Wendy Dant Chesser, One Southern Indiana
- Mike Hesketh, Superb IPC
- Ron McKulick, WorkOne Southern Indiana
- Dr. Andrew Melin, Greater Clark County Schools
- Bob Owings, Owings Patterns
- John Rittichier, Harding, Shymanski & company, P.S.C.
- Dr. Rita Hudson Shourds, Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana

With the success of the River Ridge Commerce Center and the continued efforts of officials in both Clark and Floyd counties, it is very likely manufacturing will continue to be a mainstay of the Southern Indiana economy. More than 12 percent of the employed adults in Clark County and 14 percent in Floyd County are employed by the manufacturing industry. Throughout Indiana, manufacturing accounts for approximately 25 percent of the state's economy. That is why One Southern Indiana's (1si) Metro Manufacturing Alliance partnered with Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana, WorkOne Southern Indiana, local companies and other partners to celebrate manufacturing as an industry on September 30, October 1 and October 2, 2015.

The celebration kicked off on Wednesday with students touring regional manufacturing facilities. After today's press conference, the public and other schools continued to tour manufacturing sites as well as enjoyed tours of the Ivy Tech Jeffersonville Campus, which included the following exhibits:

- Alpha Energy Solutions NASCAR
- Flexible Materials
- Ivy Tech Community College - School of Technology Mobile STEM Laboratory
- The Maker Mobile

- Samtec, Inc.
- WorkOne Southern Indiana

By the end of the celebration on Friday, more than 500 students from the following school systems will have participated in tours and activities:

- Grace Christian Academy, Scottsburg
- Greater Clark County Schools
- Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana
- New Albany Floyd County Consolidated School Corporation
- Prosser Career Education Center
- Scott County School District 2
- South Harrison Community School Corporation
- West Clark Community Schools

Manufacturers who have opened their doors to students in conjunction with One Southern Indiana's Metro Manufacturing Alliance are:

- Amatrol, Inc. - Jeffersonville
- American Fuji Seal, Inc. - Jeffersonville
- American Plastic Molding - Scottsburg
- Beach Mold & Tool, Inc. - New Albany
- Cimtech, Inc. - New Albany
- Cyllicron, LLC - Jeffersonville
- Diverse Woodworking, LLC - Corydon
- ERL, Inc. - New Albany
- Key Electronics, Inc. - Jeffersonville
- Koetter Woodworking, Inc. - Borden
- Owings Patterns - Sellersburg
- S&J Precision Inc. - New Albany

Sponsoring partners in the Manufacturing Day 2015 events include title sponsor Harding, Shymanski & Company, P.S.C. and supporting sponsors: Alpha Energy Solutions, Cornerstone Environmental, Health and Safety, Inc., Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana, Koetter Construction, Owings Patterns, Samtec, Inc., and WorkOne Southern Indiana.

Organizing partners included: Greater Clark County Schools, Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana, New Albany – Floyd County Consolidated School Corporation, One Southern Indiana's Metro Manufacturing Alliance, Prosser Career Education Center and WorkOne Southern Indiana.

The public can find more information on the times, places and tours of regional manufacturing facilities by [clicking here](#). To learn more about reality of advanced manufacturing, please visit: www.mfgday.com/resources#participant

About One Southern Indiana:

One Southern Indiana (1si) was formed in July of 2006 as the economic development organization and chamber of commerce serving Clark and Floyd counties. 1si's mission is to provide the connections, resources and services that help businesses innovate and thrive in the Southern Indiana / Louisville metro area.

Since its inception, the organization has evolved to include a three-prong approach to serve its members and investors. Business Resources, as the chamber side of the organization, encompasses membership, signature events and programs which support and encourage business growth; Economic Development works to grow the regional economy through the attraction of new commerce and assists with retention and expansion of existing businesses; Advocacy supports businesses at the government level by engaging in the initiatives to preserve, protect and promote a business friendly environment free of obstacles to growth and development of commerce. For more information on One Southern Indiana, visit www.1si.org

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