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Local Manufacturers Open their Doors to over 600 Students in Recognition of Manufacturing Day in Windsor-Essex

Windsor-Essex County, Ontario – Friday, October 7, 2016 – In an effort to recognize Manufacturing Day, WindsorEssex Economic Development Corporation is pleased to partner with Workforce WindsorEssex, the Municipality of Leamington, Windsor Essex Catholic District School Board, Greater Essex County District School Board, Conseil Scolaire Catholique Providence and regional employers to coordinate activities on Friday, October 7, 2016. Over 600 students from local schools will tour manufacturing facilities in Windsor-Essex.

Local manufacturing employers have been very responsive to this project and are pleased to open their doors to students and educators. It's an opportunity for the companies to bring awareness to the great careers and opportunities that exist in manufacturing in Windsor and Essex County. The companies participating are: Anchor Danly; Active Industrial Solutions; Cavalier Tool; Classic Tool and Die Inc; Caxton Mark; Essex Weld Solutions; Kingsville Stamping; Laval International; Leggett & Platt Automotive Group (Schukra); MC3 Manufacturing Inc; Radix; Reko International Group Inc; Spirol Industries; SPM Automation; UE Enclosures; UniFab Leamington; Valiant Training Centre; Windsor Mold Group.

Steven MacKenzie, CEO of the WindsorEssex Economic Development said, "Manufacturing Day is an outstanding initiative and an opportunity for our Region's manufacturers to demonstrate directly with the students that manufacturing is a career full of innovative and technological opportunities. The event reinforces the message about the importance of this sector to our local economy and helps to change the perception of students, their parents or guardians about having a career in manufacturing."

"Manufacturing Day has been growing year after year. It is incredible to see the participation from employers across industries showcasing the innovation of our local manufacturing sector. Through participating in these engaging tours, students and educators are learning about the different opportunities available in this important sector and connecting with local employers. We are pleased to work with our partners to offer such an opportunity. We are thankful to the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development to provide funding to facilitate this important community event."—**Tanya Antoniw, Executive Director, Workforce WindsorEssex**

Agenda of the day:

9:30 am to 10:30 am Plant Tours

11:00 am to 12:00 pm Lunch and Presentations (Fogolar Furlan Club)

12:30 pm to 1:30 pm Plant Tours resume

Presentations during lunch by:

Jena Reid & Tim Galbraith, Cavalier Tool
St. Clair College representative
Carl Powers, Anchor Danly
School Boards representatives
Susan Friedl, OYAP
Shelley Fellows, Radix Inc.
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