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MANUFACTURING & TRADES DAY IS BACK FOR 2023

HANOVER, IL – Northwest Illinois Economic Development (NWILED), in partnership with Jo-Carroll Energy and the Jo Daviess Carroll Career Technical Education Academy, is pleased to announce that Manufacturing & Trades Day 2023 is planned for Wednesday, March 15. It is an occasion during which manufacturers open their doors for site visits and trades companies lead learning sessions to showcase the potential of their industries and to foster interest in those careers. This year seven high schools from Carroll and Jo Daviess Counties are participating and together are sending approximately 260 students to learn from 14 different businesses. Additionally, students will hear from two area community colleges on their educational opportunities and two regional agencies that offer apprenticeship programs.

“It is NWILED’s hope that by offering this experience to our region’s youth they better understand the opportunities available to them in Northwest Illinois after they graduate high school,” said David Schmit, NWILED Regional Director. “Our goal is to help stabilize the outward population migration of youth, increase the local workforce, and to bring attention to local in demand career opportunities.”

A varied group of industries are represented in the event. NWILED thanks the following businesses for opening their doors for site tours, leading learning sessions, and or manning tables at the lunchtime college and apprenticeship fair: Adkins Energy, Arrow Solar, Business Employment Skills Team, Carroll Innovative Manufacturing, Dupaco Community Credit Union, East Dubuque Nitrogen Fertilizers, Elkay Manufacturing, Giese Roofing Company, Guy's Truck & Tractor, Highland Community College, Hirschbach Motor Lines, International Union of Operating Engineers Local 150, Jo-Carroll Energy, Logistics Park Dubuque, MacLean-Fogg Component Solutions: Metform, Riverport Railroad, Sauk Valley Community College, and Signcraft Screenprint.

A special thank you to the Hanover Park District for providing a space for student lunch, and to Citizens State Bank, Galena Area Chamber of Commerce, and the Savanna Chamber of Commerce for volunteering to serve the lunch catered by Tammy’s Piggly Wiggly.

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