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## CNC Machine Operator Training Program Accepting Applications from Southeast Wisconsin Residents

Racine – In partnership with the Southeast Wisconsin Workforce Development Board, Gateway Technical College is offering short-term training programs to equip Southeast Wisconsin residents with the skills and credentials to secure in-demand jobs as Computer Numerical Control Machine (CNC) Operators. Boot camp training is made possible through the generous support of Gateway Technical College and SC Johnson.

The no-cost, 14-week boot camp provides hands-on training and takes place five days a week at Gateway's cutting edge SC Johnson integrated Manufacturing and Engineering Technology Center (iMET). Graduates receive a Certificate of Completion, college credits, job placement assistance and preparation for careers in manufacturing with wages ranging from an entry level rate of \$12.00 per hour to an experienced rate of \$20.00 per hour or more.

"The demand for CNC Operators remains in Southeast Wisconsin. Boot camp graduates leave the program able to not only land a job, but one that pays a competitive, family sustaining wage. Additionally, we are meeting the needs of local employers by quickly upskilling the workforce that is needed to fill open positons," said Mark Mundl, Racine County Manager of Workforce Solutions and Southeast Wisconsin Workforce Development Board member.

Boot camp tuition is free and the training programs are open to Racine, Kenosha and Walworth County residents who are at least 18 years of age. Please note the following:

## **CNC Machine Operator Boot Camp**

Application Available – Now Application Due – Friday, August 4 by 5:00 p.m. Boot Camp – Monday, August 28, 2017 to Friday, December 1, 2017

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