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New England Institute of Technology Announces Free Machinist Training through its SAMI Program

East Greenwich, RI – The Shipbuilding and Advanced Manufacturing Institute (SAMI) was established by New England Institute of Technology (NEIT) to help fill a pipeline of skilled workers to be hired by regional manufacturers. The SAMI program, located at NEIT's Post Road Campus in Warwick, Rhode Island, is seeking applicants for its machinist training program to fill multiple positions with local employers. If you are at least 18 years of age and a Rhode Island resident, you are eligible for this **free**, customized 300-hour training program. All activities and services are delivered and supervised by SAMI staff at no cost to eligible participants.

Founded in 2013, SAMI was developed through grants provided by the United States Department of Labor, the Governor's Workforce Board of Rhode Island, the Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training, the Rhode Island Foundation and Champlin Foundations. SAMI's resources include education services, career specific testing and assessment, and customized hands-on exploration and evaluation activities.

The machinist training curriculum places a strong emphasis on learning manual machine processes and gradually builds to expose selected participants to Computerized Numerical Control (CNC) operations based on each student's skills and abilities. The program also includes blueprint reading, Computer Aided Design (CAD) and remedial math. With a strong emphasis on safety and worker accountability, participants also receive OSHA-10 Certification. Training sessions are delivered by a team of instructors with years of experience who are recognized by the manufacturing industry for their expertise.

All interested individuals are invited to participate in an orientation and tour SAMI's state-of-the-art labs. Instructors will demonstrate simple machine tool tasks and explain the various projects included in the curriculum to develop necessary skills for this occupation. Attendees may ask questions and will operate some of the basic tools and machines during the orientation.

For those participants who are accepted into the machinist program and may be currently collecting unemployment benefits, their payments will continue while enrolled in the program. The goal is to provide individuals with the opportunity to learn new technical skills and secure a higher than average wage job. Many employers look to the SAMI program to fill their hiring needs for well-trained machinists.

To learn more about the SAMI machinist training program, please contact the SAMI office at 401-739-5000 ext. 3660 or ext. 3539 to register for the orientation. You may also email info@samiri.org for more information.

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