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BROOKS ANNOUNCES NEW “MONROE MANUFACTURES JOBS” PROGRAM

Monroe County Executive Maggie Brooks today announced that Monroe County has launched a new program in partnership with Monroe Community College to better meet the high demands of the local manufacturing industry.

The “Monroe Manufactures Jobs” program will connect MCC graduates in the Precision Machining, Optical Fabrication, and AAS Precision Machining programs with local manufacturing companies and offer both the employee and employer a \$1,500 bonus if the employee works for the company for one full year.

“Monroe County’s manufacturing community is strong and prospering but is currently facing a shortage of skilled workers to support the growing industry,” said Monroe County Executive **Maggie Brooks**. *“The “Monroe Manufactures Jobs” program will help further cultivate our manufacturing industry and bolster our local economy by directly linking skilled workers with excellent jobs.”*

A recent study conducted by the Center for Integrated Manufacturing Studies (CIMS) of RIT found that there is an average of 4.7 positions available at area manufacturing companies. The goal of the program is to increase awareness amongst high-school, college, and post-college individuals about the vast opportunities available within the manufacturing industry.

“This program underscores the importance of college-county-industry collaboration to meet the community’s needs and strengthen our local economy,” said MCC Interim President Larry W. Tyree. *“We’re excited to be part of this endeavor and thank County Executive Brooks for her vision on this initiative.”*

Monroe County is currently home to approximately 1,000 manufacturers and provides 50,000 jobs to area residents. For each manufacturing job, 2.7 service jobs are in turn created.

The program has an initial \$400,000 set aside to assist 133 companies and employees. “Monroe Manufactures Jobs” is funded by fee income and loan repayments and no tax payer dollars are used to fund the program.

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