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Lean Manufacturing workshop

Florida MEP is presenting LE102: Time Wise® Principles of Lean Manufacturing for Job Shops on Thursday, April 10, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Palm Beach Community College, 4200 Congress Ave., Room CF 124, Lake Worth, FL 33461. The cost is \$35 per person.

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Trainees graduate with newly acquired skills

Twelve trainees were graduated from the Mobile Outreach Skills Training, or M.O.S.T., program at the Stuart One Stop Career Center Friday, March 28.

This was a first-of-its-kind training in Florida for entry-level machine operators by Florida Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) in its mobile training facility.

The Workforce Development Board of the Treasure Coast, which operates the local One Stops, paid for the two-week training program.

Six of the graduates were new hires who have been interviewing for jobs with area companies, said Phyllis Moresse, Florida MEP project manager. "Two started work this week," she added.

And six were incumbent workers who needed to upgrade their training, she said. They were sent by their employers including Krueger Machine Company, SOL, Inc., MP Manufacturing & Design, Inc., and Waterblasting Techno-

logies. "Waterblasting Technologies allowed us to put our mobile unit on-site at their manufacturing plant," Moresse said.

After they return to work or are hired, graduates will receive ongoing training with their employer with the assistance of the Workforce Board for up to eight weeks and the Florida MEP for up to six months.

Hurricane Boatlifts, Awareness Technology, Advanced Machine and Tool and Applied Concepts Aircraft Solutions also participated in the graduation ceremonies.

"We were looking to hire two people," said attendee Gary Holter, operations and engineering manager from Awareness Technology, a manufacturer and exporter of medical devices in Palm City.

"And to support these job candidates who invested two weeks in intensive training to further their careers as machinists, which is something we need in Martin and St. Lucie counties."

resources and Bill Kastis, machine shop supervisor, spent last week interviewing program graduates.

"I think it (the training) was a very good thing," Holter said. "Machinists and machine operator positions have been very hard to fill for a long time."

"I think the training is a good idea if not great," agreed Manuel Loret de Mola. He recently moved his aircraft engineering and fabrication company, Applied Concepts Aircraft Solutions, to Stuart from Palm Beach County. They have also interviewed a M.O.S.T. program graduate.

The students graduated with high scores from this fast-track, intensive training, Moresse said. They passed the Florida Ready to Work standards and four earned Gold-level certifications, three earned Silver certifications and two earned Bronze. "They exceeded all of our expectations."

"The Treasure Coast was our first location for this training," she said. "And it moves to Broward County in April. And then, all



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