



MACHINING/MANUFACTURING ALLIANCE MEETING
AT ECC SOUTH CAFETERIA
DECEMBER 9, 2004
MINUTES

- I. Welcome
 - A. Charles Corluccio
 - B. Mark Hoeber
 - C. Richard Washousky

- II. Regional Educational Plan – William Mariani, President of Erie Community College

- III. Alliance Mission and Purpose:
 - A. ECC has a Regional Education Plan to increase their presence in the City of Buffalo and provide internship and coop opportunities.
 - B. Manufacturers can have a web link for manufacturing jobs through ECC.
 - C. Green and black belt, Six Sigma, Lean Manufacturing (customized curriculum and quality courses) could be offered through ECC
 - D. Looking for profile of metal working institute
 - E. Manufacturer is looking for ways to hold onto our metal working jobs in this area as our tech jobs are being shipped out of our country (including going to Washington).
 - F. Rick Washousky asked for companies to go to Washington with him and back him vocally and financially and work with him to get grants.
 - G. Curriculum
 1. Companies have computer software education needs that could be met through group education.
 2. They need to find a way to communicate their needs collectively to Erie Community College so that courses can be developed.
 3. Workforce Development can develop courses quickly to meet these needs and they won't be obsolete before they begin.
 - H. The manufacturers would like ECC to hold an open house where they could join forces and present themselves to the community; including: grants and other alternative revenues.
 - I. The manufacturers would like a web site set up where information could be posted that is useful to their peers and other interested individuals.
 - J. Manufacturers are always considering quality, price, and delivery and are concerned with getting people who are not capable of doing the work.
 - K. Buffalo State was holding a meeting similar to ours and maybe we could network with them.

IV. Identification of Goals

- A. Web Site would hold:
 - 1. PowerPoint presentation
 - 2. Manufacturers contact information
 - 3. Links to companies
 - 4. Template
 - 5. Grant information from Joanne Colmerauer
 - 6. Labor law info
 - 7. School insurance info
- B. Field Experience assignment:
 - 1. Students from McKinley and Hutch Tech would be placed in companies for four weeks and receive college credit and a stipend through Joanne Colmerauer
 - 2. Would like the internship to include shadowing, coaching by ECC and high school teachers (intern would not be sweeping the floors but performing all production work).
 - 3. Application process would include parental consent.
 - 4. Companies would be a part of the selection process.
 - 5. At end of internship, ECC would host an event.
- C. A machinist develops his skills over time. It is a process of school work and experience, then more school work and experience, etc. ECC needs to understand how to help students achieve these goals so that students are good apprentices.
- D. Going to Washington, D.C., is important. What can be done in this area now? Someone needs to go to the high schools and let them know what the manufacturers in our area need now from students. It was suggested that ECC host such an event for high schools to “sell” partnerships and programs. ECC could have a table at the January job fair. Manufacturers Alliance could have a table there to talk to people (smaller groups can be heard from). Students will be encouraged to tour industries.
- E. How often would ECC and manufacturers be willing to meet?

V. Future Meetings:

- A. The next meeting will be at 8:30 on January 27 at South Campus Faculty Dining Room.
- B. The next meeting will be a setup meeting (co Chairs, etc.)