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Colleagues,

Please join us for a presentation on European-Style Apprenticeships on Thursday, April 20 at Noon at the Leo Hassett Center in Manteno. Please register in advance at www.mantenchamber.com, phone 815-468-6226 or email smarion@mantenchamber.com to save your seat.

The presentation is offered in collaboration between Kankakee Community College, the Kankakee County Economic Alliance and the Manteno Chamber of Commerce. Over the last few years, the United States Department of Labor has made available nearly \$100 million in grant funding to support the expansion of Registered Apprenticeships. These resources are provided to be a stimulus for a broader array of strategies aimed at strengthening the workforce across the nation. As businesses and industries take advantage of these resources in collaboration with local and regional education providers, they can expect to see the kind of tangible and measurable results which are associated with a highly skilled workforce.

Apprenticeship programs are a form of work-based learning which combines technical instruction with highly structured, on-the-job learning experiences. Apprentices are employed and earning a wage at the same time they are completing their formal education in cooperation with a local community college. The result is a training program which is closely aligned with specific demands of the local industry or business the apprenticeship program serves.

There are a number of successful apprenticeship programs operating here in the state of Illinois, and those apprenticeship programs are strengthening local workforces and enhancing regional economies where they have been implemented. Kankakee Community College is poised to facilitate the development and implementation of apprenticeships in this region.

Please contact me at any time to discuss how apprenticeship programs can strengthen the workforce in your organization.

Sincerely,

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