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NWILED TO HOST A MANUFACTURING & TRADES DAY OCTOBER 5, 2023

HANOVER, ILLINOIS – Northwest Illinois Economic Development (NWILED), in partnership with Jo-Carroll Energy and the Jo Daviess Carroll Career Technical Educational Academy (CTEA), has announced the date of their next Manufacturing & Trades Day for Thursday, October 5, 2023.

The event will take local highschoolers into area manufacturing facilities for site visits and to the CTEA for interactive hands-on learning sessions lead by area trades focused businesses to showcase the potential of their industries and foster career interest. Additionally, during the students' lunch period area agencies will be on hand telling them of their educational and apprenticeship opportunities, along with representatives from the Jo Daviess County Comprehensive Planning Committee who will be onsite seeking youth input for the rewrite of their comprehensive plan.

“It is NWILED’s hope that by offering this experience to our region’s youth that they better understand the opportunities and quality of life available to them in Northwest Illinois after they graduate from high school,” said David Schmit, NWILED Regional Director. “Our goal is to help stabilize the outward population migration of the region’s youth, increase the local workforce, and to bring attention to local quality in-demand career opportunities.”

Manufacturing & Trades Day is a true regional event that is fun for the students and a great workforce development opportunity for employers. This October’s event has all nine high schools from Carroll and Jo Daviess County participating, plus Lena-Winslow High in Stephenson County, that combined plan to send upwards of 350 sophomore students. Helping facilitate their experience will be several area businesses and agencies, including Adkins Energy, Business Employment Skills Team, Economic Growth Corporation – Shimer College redevelopment, Highland Community College, International

Union of Operating Engineers Local #150, Jo-Carroll Energy, Logistics Park Dubuque, MacLean-Fogg Component Solutions: Metform, Riverport Railroad, and Zurn Elkay Water Solutions. Additional organizations will be confirmed prior to the event.

For more information about NWILED or our Manufacturing & Trades Day event, contact NWILED directly at 815-297-7361 or dschmit@nwiled.org.

ABOUT NWILED:

Northwest Illinois Economic Development is an independent, private, nonprofit 501c (6) organization founded in 2009. NWILED's focus is connecting the businesses of NW Illinois to resources. To do this we work directly with businesses, and behind the scenes to identify opportunities that once enabled will grow the region's economic ecosystem. NWILED staff act as general economic development practitioners adapting day-to-day to a variety of requests, large and small, guiding the NW Illinois business community in tandem with the goals of an influential board of directors, org membership, and a roster of regional and state peer organizations.