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Dear Recent High School Graduates and Old Colony Community Members,

Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School is excited to share news of a FREE Adult Education program in the field of *Advanced Manufacturing* as part of our evening offerings. The Southeast Labor Market Blueprint paints a strong picture for the field. The following information is an important factor in our determining the relevance of this offering, and may also spike your interest.

## **Advanced Manufacturing Employment & Wages:**

Across Massachusetts, CNC machinists and toolmakers average \$28–\$35/hour, with experienced precision machinists exceeding \$40/hour in advanced manufacturing environments.

## Workforce Demand:

Manufacturing employment in Southeastern Massachusetts remains stable, with steady demand for machinists, CNC operators, and tool & die specialists across defense, marine, and medical device sectors. The region's advanced manufacturing cluster reports continued hiring and 4% annual wage growth driven by automation and reshoring initiatives.

## Career Advancement:

Skilled machinists progress into CNC programming, quality assurance, or supervisory roles. Many pursue credentials such as NIMS certifications or associate degrees, leading to higher wages and leadership positions in advanced manufacturing firms. OCRVT graduates enter an industry offering long-term stability, strong wages, and clear pathways for advancement.

Advanced Manufacturing training provides adults with mastery in understanding CNC lathe and mill concepts, blueprint reading, precision measurement, safety, and more. Students will be prepared for entry level positions starting at \$30.00 per hour. Experienced machinists may earn up to \$130,000.00 per year. Local manufacturers include Acushnet Golf, Five Star Manufacturing, Inc., and AccuRounds, just to name a few.

This opportunity is grant-funded and FREE to participants. If you are considering a career path that is hands-on with a high potential for income growth, call Dr. Cheryl Hebert at (508)763-8011, ext. 195. You may also inquire by email: edaly@masshiregnbcc.com or chebert@oldcolony.info.

We look forward to welcoming you into our Adult Education community.

Sincerely,

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