



KVCC launches new welding education partnership with Fisher Engineering

Fairfield, ME – Kennebec Valley Community College has announced a new partnership with Fisher Engineering to recruit and train 50 students for new welding positions at the company's snowplow manufacturing facility in Rockland.

Fisher plans to hire up to 40 of the students once their training is completed as part of expansion plans at its state-of-the-art factory in Rockland's industrial park.

The partnership creates a Maine Quality Center that will provide the majority of training at the Fairfield campus of the College. Training is scheduled to begin in December and run through May of 2010. It is free to students who qualify.

Applicants are required to have earned a high school diploma or equivalent. Some prior experience in the field of welding fabricating is also desired.

Approximately 431 hours of instruction will be offered with the majority of time spent on gas metal arc welding, commonly called MIG (Metal Inert Gas) welding. Some hours will also be spent on basic math, safety, computer, and fabrication training.

Those interested in the training may contact their nearest Maine Career Center for more information. Locations of Career Centers and contact information are available at www.mainecareercenter.com.