

## **Scientific Management Techniques Executes Memorandum of Understanding with the Tennessee Board of Regents**

### **TBR Recommends Statewide Adoption of SMT's Manufacturing Skill Training Curriculum and Skill Assessment Program.**

Merrimack, NH & Nashville, TN ([PRWEB](#)) September 30, 2014 -- The Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR) and Scientific Management Techniques (SMT) are collaborating to improve manufacturing employment and performance in Tennessee. SMT's industrial skill programs have proven to be highly effective in industrial facilities across a wide variety of manufacturing platforms globally. These same programs are now available for the education market.

SMT currently works closely with four of the thirteen community colleges in Tennessee, and has just signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Office of Community Colleges of the Tennessee Board of Regents. "Based on the proven success to date in the locations where our schools have implemented SMT's programs we are recommending statewide deployment," said Dr. John Townsend, associate vice chancellor of Workforce Development with the TBR. "Our objective is for Tennessee to have the strongest, best trained workforce in the country and SMT's programs will help us achieve this objective in the area of advanced manufacturing skills."

Scientific Management Techniques, established in 1971, is the global leader in Industrial Skills Training and Hands-On skill assessments. Their Mechatronics Skill Curriculum trains the critical "hard skills" required to operate, maintain, and troubleshoot a modern manufacturing facility. The Hands-On assessment machines identify and measure the skills required to optimize performance on the production floor. These programs are embraced by Fortune 500 manufacturing organizations in thirty-three countries.

SMT has delivered the programs, trained, and certified school staff at Southwest Tennessee Community College, Cleveland State, Walters State, and Motlow State Community Colleges in Tennessee. "We consider every school that deploys our program to be a long-term strategic partner," stated SMT President Stephen Berry. "When a school deploys SMT's Industrial Skills programs, they are taking a program proven to be highly effective on the production floor, a challenging environment, and plugging that program into the school's offerings. This collaboration has proven to be an extremely effective solution to the industrial skills shortage in each market. We currently work with schools in nineteen states and demand for the program in education is growing rapidly."

Mr. John Churchill, the director of Workforce Development at Southwest Tennessee Community College in Memphis, has been working with SMT since 2011.

Commenting on the impact the program has delivered in his area Churchill added, “SMT’s programs have dramatically improved the skill level of the manufacturing workforce in the Memphis area. Our team at Southwest has trained and placed in employment well over 1,000 individuals, and we administer assessments for many local manufacturers. Demand for services delivered by our department has increased to the point where we have deployed additional SMT equipment, both the skills curriculum and skill assessment program, to keep up with demand from manufacturers in Memphis. I have worked closely with all Tennessee-based schools that partner with SMT, and I look forward to discussing the program with my colleagues across the state as additional schools embrace the program.”

#### About Scientific Management Techniques:

Scientific Management Techniques is the global leader in industrial skills assessments and industrial skills training. SMT’s manufacturing skill solutions are currently deployed in thirty-three countries. The skills training curriculum trains to the critical skills required to operate, maintain, and troubleshoot an industrial facility. Their Hands-On manufacturing skills assessment machines and assessment protocols are used in the hiring process globally to identify and measure industrial skills; Mechanical, Electrical, PLC, CNC and Process Control Skills. Many organizations assess their incumbent workforce and deliver targeted training based on the assessment data.

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