

Tri-C partners with ArcelorMittal and United Steelworkers to prepare students for careers in manufacturing

May 22, ArcelorMittal Cleveland, the United Steelworkers Local 979, and Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C[®]) announced the expansion of the Steelworker for the Future program to Cuyahoga County. Steelworker for the Future is a 2.5 year cooperative work-study program that will prepare students for high-tech, well-paying manufacturing careers.



“As more men and women near retirement age, many manufacturers like ArcelorMittal will lose skilled workers,” said Eric Hauge, Vice President and General Manager, ArcelorMittal Cleveland. “The Steelworker for

the Future program will help ensure that we have a prepared, skilled workforce in the future, allowing us to continue to compete in the global marketplace and produce safe, sustainable steel. We are proud to partner with Tri-C on this important initiative.”

The Steelworker for the Future program, offered at Cuyahoga Community College, will guide students to earn an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree in one of two options: Steelworker Electrical Technology or Steelworker Mechanical Technology. Steelworker for the Future includes four semesters of classroom learning, and qualified students have the option of up to 16 weeks of on-site, paid training at ArcelorMittal.

“The average age of an ArcelorMittal Cleveland employee is in his or her 50s, and people with an electrical or mechanical skill set will soon be needed to replace retiring workers,” said Mark Granakis, president, United Steelworkers Local 979. “This partnership helps us properly educate and encourage careers in manufacturing as a step toward a sustainable future.”

The AAS degrees in the electrical or mechanical discipline may result in a career at ArcelorMittal as a Maintenance Technician Electrical (MTE) or a Maintenance Technician Mechanical (MTM), respectively. While affiliated with ArcelorMittal, the program is designed to provide individuals with the skills and experience that are desired by manufacturing companies throughout the region.

“Meeting the educational and workforce training needs of Northeast Ohio residents and employers has been our driving force for nearly half a century,” said Susan Muha, Executive Vice President of Cuyahoga Community College’s Workforce and Economic Development Division. “The excitement we feel as a partner in the Steelworker for the Future program is significant because the outcome will be a skilled workforce ready to help the steel industry grow.”

Steelworker for the Future is scheduled to begin in fall semester of 2012. The partners expect approximately 20 graduates from the first class, with approximately 20 additional graduates in each subsequent year.

For more information, visit www.tri-c.edu/steelworker