



COMMUNITY UPDATE

News about MSSC's Certified Logistics Associate (CLA) and Certified Logistics Technician (CLT) training and certification system.

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Alliance Companies Guarantee Interviews to CLA/CLT Credentialed Applicants

A new national training program funded by a U.S. Department of Labor grant will use the Alliance Global Logistics Hub in Fort Worth to train professionals in the logistics industry. Hillwood, the developer of Alliance Global Logistics Hub, said Tuesday that the Washington, D.C.-based Manufacturing Skills Standards Council will be offering training, evaluations and certificate programs at the hub to enhance and promote training for supply chain logistics workers.

Many of the 200 Companies in the Alliance Global Logistics Hub in Fort worth—having helped formulate the program—have guaranteed job interviews to those who complete the certification. Participants included Americold Logistics, Andersen Logistics, Behr, Bridge-stone/Firestone, DSC Logistics, Exel Logistics, J.C. Penney Co., Motorola, Pat-terson Dental, Premium Waters and W.W. Grainger.

“This certification will increase the value of those who complete the training, since they will have a certificate that is nationally recognized and promoted by the Manufacturing Skill Standards Council,” said Kay Lee, senior manager of TCC Corporate Services, in announcing the development. “Alliance companies will benefit by having highly trained logistics professionals, which will improve efficiency and quality control at their facilities.”

New CLA/CLT System Launched

With the completion of the CLA/CLT courses and assessments in June 2009, MSSC has completed development of the supply chain logistics certification system. The new comprehensive system includes industry defined standards, online and classroom courseware, textbooks, instructor training, assessments and credentials.

For details see our website, www.msscusa.org, or contact Rebekah Hutton at (703) 739-9000 x227 or rhutton@msscusa.org.



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Students in CLA course at Tarrant County College

Ivy Tech Trains MSSC Logistics Instructors: Meets Community Needs

In May, Ivy Tech Community College had eight adjunct faculty successfully complete instructor certification training for the new national entry level logistics credentials: Certified Logistics Associate (CLA) and Certified Logistics Technician (CLT). This will allow the College to immediately offer public training in these new national workforce credentials. The CLA and CLT certifications are sponsored by the Manufacturers Skill Standards Council (MSSC). These new instructors will offer logistics training in those Indiana regions that have a high demand for a certified logistics workforce.

The Ivy Tech Regions to offer these new workforce credentials include, Central Indiana, Kokomo, Lafayette, Columbus, Northwest East Central, and Southwest. Additional College Regions will have the capability to offer the CLA and CLT credentials as more instructors receive their certifications.

Ivy Tech's Kokomo Region with the support of the Wabash County WorkOne is offering a CLA class beginning on September 15 in Wabash, IN. According to Gloria Carvey, Assistant Director for Workforce and Economic Development in Kokomo, the city of Wabash has experienced growth in its warehousing sector. Previously, for people to be trained in logistics they had to travel to Marion or Muncie. Now, with the Ivy Tech Instructional Site located in Wabash and with the availability of a certi-

fied CLA/CLT instructor, this training can be offered in the city. The Wabash County WorkOne is currently willing to sponsor five students in the initial training class.

For more information, visit www.ivytech.edu.

"I was very excited to receive my CLA/CLT certificates - they are already framed and on my wall. I am currently working with individuals from the other PA secondary career and technical schools who participated in the pilot to host a trainer in our area so that we can add the MSSC materials to our Logistics/Materials Management curriculums ASAP. In addition, I have submitted the CLA/CLT to the PA Department of Education to be added to the *state-approved list of credentials* available to secondary vocational students. This is very important, as there are none listed for our specific class currently, and increasingly industry-based credentials are a key component in a program's viability and growth. To date, CLA/CLT has been accepted and passed on to the certification specialist for final approval."

-Kathy DePiro, Greater Altoona Career and Technology Center

Alliance Adds CLA/CLT Certifications

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Partners in the training program include the Manufacturing Skill Standards Council, the Texas Manufacturing Assistance Center, Workforce Solutions for North Central Texas, Workforce Solutions of Tarrant County, Tarrant County College, the North Texas Commission, and the Alliance Global Logistics Hub/Hillwood.

"This project has created a true career pipeline for dislocated workers who are changing professions, students looking for careers in an ever-expanding industry, and veterans who are transitioning from military to civilian life," said Sal Adamski, business services manager of Workforce Solutions of Tarrant County, in a prepared statement. "Eventually, our four-year colleges will be brought into the project to develop and expand logistics-management programs."

Information extracted from Fort Worth Business Press
<http://tinyurl.com/mdhm8g>



The first CLT Instructor Training at Tarrant County College

Cuyahoga Community Colleges to open *Logistics and Distribution Institute*

Cuyahoga Community College in Cleveland, Ohio, will begin using CLA/CLT courses for training both prospective and existing workers in the fields of logistics and distribution starting in the Fall 2009 Semester.

The *Logistics and Distribution Institute* (LDI) is a Workforce and Economic Development Division institute housed within workforce solutions designed to bring together business and industry interested in building an educated and skilled workforce.

Program Manager for the LDI, Jeffrey E. Piela, said "This initiative is a key element in rebuilding our logistics and distribution workforce, and I am excited to be leading this part of the charge." Since joining the college in March 2009, Piela has completed the curriculum development phase, and with the help of his team, is now ready to begin construction on the Distribution Center Learning lab. This fall, the LDI will not only be offering lecture-based class offerings, but also will be providing the hands-on opportunities needed to execute and master the skills which will be required of them

in the workplace. This program is part of Tri-C's commitment to the county to provide workforce training.

"Employers are not only searching for trained employees, but also employees who can communicate effectively, work on a team, and possess basic computer skills. With this goal in mind, we have included soft-skills as part of our introductory boot camp program, for which we will be issuing an MSSC CLA certificate upon completion". Piela stated.

As part of Tri-C's ongoing commitment to training existing workforce, the College has established an Intermediate Certificate in Global Logistics and Supply Management. Students will be able to enroll in the certified program or in a specific training to meet their educational needs. Tri-C wanted to make the training available to a diverse market, and feels that in offering the course material both in the evening and on Satur-

days, both as a certificate and as individual offering, would meet the community's needs. Students enrolled in this training will be taught basic domestic and international trade operations, introduction to operations and supply management, and the ins and outs of domestic transportation and logistics.

"The goal of the LDI is to train those individuals seeking employment, as well as those individuals currently employed in warehousing, distribution and logistics, with the goal to prepare them for greater responsibility and growth in their careers. So whether you are considering a new career in logistics and distribution, looking to change fields, or seeking to upgrade your skills on the job, the LDI offers a variety of quality programs to meet your needs" Piela concluded.

St. Clair County Community College Awarded Grant By U.S. Department of Labor

St. Clair County Community College in Port Huron, Mich., is using a \$2 million grant from the U.S. Department of Labor to develop a transportation, distribution and logistics center of expertise.

The three-year, Community-Based Job Training Grant will provide the program and equipment to train workers in the tracking and movement of goods. The Workforce Training Institute at St. Clair County Community College will be the leader in the project, which will qualify workers for jobs that are in high demand in southeast Michigan.

St. Clair is a certified Manufacturer's Skill Standards



High school students training for a CLA exam at Northwest ISD

Council Assessment Center. St. Clair will incorporate the MSSC CLA preparation content into the capstone course for three of the four program certificates, enabling students to sit for the appropriate certification assessment test prior to completing their program.

For details, visit www.sc4.edu/transportation or call Project Manager Dennis Valade at (810) 989-5743.

CLA/CLT Instructor Training

Training Dates	Deadline for Registration	Optional Onsite Test Date
August 11-12	July 27	August 13
September 8-9	August 24	September 10
October 13-14	September 28	October 15
November 10-11	October 26	November 12
December 8-9	November 23	December 10

CLA/CLT Proctor Training

Training Dates	Training Times
Tuesday, July 21	11:00-1:00pm EST
Tuesday, August 11	11:00-1:00pm EST
Tuesday, August 25	11:00-1:00pm EST
Tuesday, September 15	11:00-1:00pm EST
Tuesday, September 29	11:00-1:00pm EST

For more information on CLA/CLT Instructor and Proctor training, please click "Training Schedules" at msscusa.org

New Online Ordering at MSSC

Watch for MSSC's new online ordering system, to be premiered Summer 2009. All ordering for registrations, assessments and training will be available on our new website at www.msscusa.org. The new database system will provide faster order cycle time and processing. MSSC will send additional communication and instruction to our customers regarding the new process.

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Upcoming Event



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