The Manufacturing Institute, University of Phoenix Announce 2013 Scholarship Winner

Okuma America Corporation

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (September 27, 2013) – Okuma America Corporation [1], a world-leader in CNC machine tool manufacturing, announces that Chris Davala has been chosen to receive one of ten scholarships given to current or transitioning employees in the manufacturing industry from the University of Phoenix and the Manufacturing Institute.

This scholarship program focuses efforts on bridging the skills gap within the manufacturing industry that so many employers are experiencing today. This program gives employers a way to encourage their employees to attain educational credentials that will foster professional development. Each full-tuition scholarship allows a prospective student the opportunity to complete an undergraduate or master's degree program at University of Phoenix campus or online.

"I'm incredibly honored to be chosen to receive this scholarship. As someone who is very passionate about the manufacturing industry, I recognize the value in furthering my education to help enhance my skills", states Mr. Davala, "and I'm looking forward to sharing my expertise with others."

Mr. Davala has more than 18 years' experience in manufacturing, mainly in the NASCAR industry. He joined Okuma America Corporation in 2012 as an applications engineer, where his additional experience with CAD/CAM software, prototyping and fixture design is invaluable as he assists Okuma customers as they go beyond their manufacturing challenges.

Mr. Davala is one of Okuma's many productivity experts – all highly qualified to assist with a wide variety of manufacturing challenges. For more information on Okuma's productivity experts, visit http://www.okuma.com/experts [2].

About Okuma America Corporation:

Okuma America Corporation *[1] is the U.S.-based sales and service affiliate of Okuma Corporation, a world leader in CNC (computer numeric control) machine tools, founded in 1898 in Nagoya, Japan. Okuma Brazil is a unit of Okuma Latin America, part of Okuma America Corporation. The company is the industry's only single-source provider, with the CNC machine, drive, motors, encoders, spindle and CNC control all manufactured by Okuma. Okuma's innovative and reliable technology, paired with comprehensive, localized service protection, allows users to run continuously with confidence – maximizing profitability. Along with its industry-leading distribution network (largest in the Americas), and Partners in THINC®, Okuma facilitates quality, productivity and efficiency, empowering the customer and enabling competitive advantage in today's demanding manufacturing*

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