

Training Programs Start for New Equipment at BIC

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The Berkshire Innovation Center (BIC) in partnership with Berkshire Community College (BCC) has launched the operator training programs for the new advanced R&D equipment that recently arrived at Taconic High School, and which will be relocated to the BIC facility when construction is completed. The equipment, which was acquired by BCC through state grants, includes cutting edge 3D printers from Stratasys and a very large scale CMM machine from Hexagon Metrology, complete with laser scanner and Romer Arm. "This marks another major milestone in the development and growth of the Berkshire Innovation Center," stated Stephen Boyd, Chairman of the BIC Board of Directors. "BIC member companies, partners, and BCC students can have access to the equipment in a couple of months, once training is completed," said Rod Jané, BIC Project Director. He added, "BIC member companies are really starting to experience the concrete benefits of membership and I expect more manufacturing companies (beyond the 10 current members) will join the BIC as they now will see the immediate benefits of membership."



Training program will certify BIC members to utilize the cutting-edge Stratasys J750 3D printer

Training programs for all the equipment were developed by Berkshire Community College and funded by a Department of Labor grant. Access to the equipment will be limited to those who are certified through this training program. The program is free for BIC member companies and partners and BCC students, who will have access to the equipment. The first of four training sessions begins today for the 3D printer operator training. This first session has already been filled, demonstrating the enthusiasm for the program and eagerness to begin utilizing the equipment. A duplicate 3D operator training course will be offered in the fall beginning September 11th. Two training sessions for the CMM/laser scanner/Romer Arm are scheduled for the fall and will start on September 12th and October 24th respectively. Eligible BIC members and partners and BCC students can sign up for the training at www.the-bic.org/events.



Operator training programs this fall will provide access to CMM, laser scanner, and Romer Arm