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APPRENTICESHIP 101 BREAKFAST FORUM PLANNED FOR NOVEMBER 15

ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MO --- Apprenticeships are a tried and true method of recruiting and training a skilled workforce. To help local businesses better understand the benefits of this time-tested approach, an Apprenticeship 101 Breakfast Forum will be held from 8 to 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 15 at the Missouri Job Center of St. Charles County located at 212 Turner Boulevard in St. Peters, Mo.

“We are proud to celebrate National Apprenticeship Week by holding our Apprenticeship 101 Forum to help inform local business and civic leaders about a proven model of hiring and training skilled workers that is growing in popularity across the nation,” said Scott J. Drachnik, director of the St. Charles County Department of Workforce Development.

Drachnik said there are more than 21,000 registered apprenticeship programs and 500,000 active apprentices across the nation as of fiscal year 2016. “Currently there are more than 1,300 job classifications recognized for registered apprenticeship by the U.S. Department of Labor, and they include job titles across all business sectors,” Drachnik said. “This employment approach can work for any type of business and is a win-win for the employer and the new employee.”

What: Apprenticeship 101 Breakfast Forum

When: 8 to 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, Nov. 15

Where: Missouri Job Center of St. Charles County, 212 Turner Blvd., St. Peters, MO 63376

Why: To help business and civic leaders better understand the method and benefits of a certified apprenticeship model for hiring and training skilled employees

The Apprenticeship 101 Breakfast Forum will include special presentations and a panel discussion with representatives from the U.S. Department of Labor, SCI Engineering and the Missouri Job Center of St. Charles County. Continental breakfast will be served and pre-registration is required for this free, informational meeting.

For more information and to register, contact Lori Myers, Business Services Coordinator, of the Missouri Job Center of St. Charles County, at 636-255-6060 ext. 5260, or lm Myers@sccmo.org.

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About St. Charles County:

Founded in 1812, St. Charles County is one of the fastest growing counties in Missouri, and the state's third largest county in both population and economic share. St. Charles County consistently ranks one of the healthiest places to live in Missouri in the County Health Rankings report published by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute. It is home to 12 scenic county parks encompassing more than 2,800 acres with additional land under development and more in reserve for future development.

With a population of 385,840, St Charles County is home to large employers including General Motors, Citi, MasterCard Worldwide and Boeing. It is ranked among the top 25 counties in the nation in high-tech job growth by the Progressive Policy Institute and consistently has the lowest unemployment rate in the Metropolitan St. Louis area.

St. Charles County Government employs nearly 1,100 in more than 30 departments and offices, who work to make the county an excellent place to live, work and shop. For more information, please visit www.sccmo.org.