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SECOND ANNUAL APPRENTICESHIP 101 BREAKFAST FORUM TO FEATURE MISSOURI DIVISION OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR MARDY LEATHERS

ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MO -- Registered Apprenticeship programs can help businesses develop the skills and productivity of new and existing staff members – and the Missouri Job Center of St. Charles County has limited grant funding to help with wage and training costs. Business leaders can learn more during National Apprenticeship Week at the Second Annual Apprenticeship 101 Breakfast Forum planned for 8 a.m., Friday, Nov. 16, at the Missouri Job Center of St. Charles County at 212 Turner Boulevard in St. Peters.

This free event will include a continental breakfast, informative presentations and a panel of experts including:

- Mardy Leathers, Director, Missouri Division of Workforce Development
- Neil Perry, Missouri State Director, U.S. Department of Labor – Office of Apprenticeship
- Tony Bryan, Executive Director, Midwest Cyber Center
- Ben Abbott, General Manager, Permian Plastics
- Dr. Bill Alter, VESTA Special Projects Coordinator, Missouri State University – School of Agriculture

“We are honored to have such a distinguished panel of experts,” says Scott J. Drachnik, Director of St. Charles County’s Department of Workforce & Business Development. “The panel will share new innovations and success stories about registered apprenticeships in information technology, advanced manufacturing, the Missouri grape and wine industry. and many other business sectors.”

Registration is limited and underway now. To sign-up, contact Lori Myers at 636-255-6060, ext. 5260, or email LMyers@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. It is home to 15 scenic county parks encompassing more than 3,643 acres with additional land under development and more in reserve for future development.

With a population of 395,504, 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 sccmo.org.