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Okuma Technology Institute Opens at Davis Applied Technology College

Charlotte, NC (January 20, 2010) – Okuma America Corporation, Hartwig, Inc. and Davis Applied Technology College (DATC) formally opened the new Okuma Technology Institute with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and a 3-day celebration of manufacturing technology. The 3-day event was attended by representatives from local businesses and manufacturing facilities from 8 states.

The event kicked off with a presentation on the State of US Manufacturing by Peter Borden, President of the American Machine Tool Distributor Association. Mr. Borden discussed challenges faced by manufacturers across the US and in Utah, as well as a general forecast of future manufacturing activity.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony was led by DATC President Michael Bouwhuis who recognized



Gary Hartwig (Hartwig), Michael Bouwhuis (DATC) and Larry Schwartz (Okuma) cut the ribbon to officially open the Okuma Technology Institute at DATC

Larry Schwartz, President and COO of Okuma America and Gary Hartwig, President of Hartwig, Inc. President Bouwhuis thanked them for their vision and their contributions to education and manufacturing, stating that, "In my career, this is the most exciting partnership we've ever created."

Also on hand for the event were Jim Smith, President of the Davis Chamber of Commerce, Gary Harter from the Governor's Office of Economic Development and former senator Haven Barlow, for whom the building which houses the Okuma Technology Institute was named.

Throughout the three days manufacturers and students were treated to machining demonstrations and seminars on productivity improvement, including lean manufacturing and automation. Representatives from members of Partners in THINC were on hand to discuss manufacturing technology and peripheral equipment including gaging, tooling, work holding and software.

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The Okuma Technology Institute will help educate and train DATC students to become CNC programmers and machinists. The facility also serves as a showroom for Hartwig, Inc. to use to demonstrate Okuma technology to manufacturers in the region. Ken Evans, DATC machine tool technology instructor, stated, "When a customer buys a machine, we can package the training. It really is a win-win situation for us, for Okuma and for the customer."

To schedule a tour of the facility, contact Mindi Woolever at 801-593-2587 or mindi.woolever@datc.edu.



Presidents: Geoff Hartwig, Greg Hartwig, Gary Hartwig, Peter Borden (AMTDA), Larry Schwartz (Okuma) stand by the Multus MA-500HB

About Okuma America Corporation:

Okuma America Corporation is the US based affiliate of Okuma Corporation, a world leader in the development of computer numeric controls (CNC) and machining technology, founded in 1898 in Nagoya, Japan. Known for its technology leadership and world-class manufacturing, product quality and dedication to customer service, Okuma strives to be the machine tool solution provider to manufacturers worldwide. For more information, visit www.okuma.com

About Hartwig, Inc.:

For half a century, Hartwig has been focused on helping its customers control their manufacturing destiny and keeping manufacturing in the United States. One of the largest machine tool and metal cutting distributors in North America, Hartwig owns and operates eight office locations covering 14 states in the Mountain and Central U.S. With a dedicated staff and heavy focus on after sale support and engineering, Hartwig continues to be an organization its customers turn to for their success. Hartwig is not just a machine tool distributor, but a company that makes sense doing business with. For more information, visit www.hartwiginc.com.

About Davis Applied Technology College:

Davis Applied Technology College (DATC) is one of eight campuses of the Utah College of Applied Technology, and is located just north of Salt Lake City, Utah. DATC provides training in an open-entry, open-exit environment which annually prepares over 7,400 high school and adult students with career and technical skills. DATC currently offers certificate programs in the Schools of Business, Construction, Health Professions, Information Technology, Manufacturing, Service Professions and Transportation. The College is committed to quality education and dedicated to its philosophy of "We Change Lives." For more information, visit www.datc.edu.

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