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**ASU Mid-South Designated as Certified Education Center by Fabricators & Manufacturers Association, Intl.**

Arkansas State University Mid-South has been designated as a Certified Education Center (CEC) by the Fabricators & Manufacturers Association, Intl. (FMA). ASU Mid-South is one of approximately 60 CEC locations in the US and is the first CEC location in the Mid-South. A Certified Education Center is a training facility offering manufacturing technology programs engaged in a mission, in partnership with FMA, to interest students in pursuing careers in the metal forming and fabricating industry.

This designation ensures the college remains on the cutting edge of manufacturing technology training by offering training to instructors, curriculum support and assistance in securing some types of equipment. A CEC designation also comes with acknowledgement on the FMA website and allows the College to offer certificate programs to students as well as host specialty training to meet the needs of the local community.

Fabrication involves processes in which metals are taken from a raw state to a finished product. The Fabricators & Manufacturers Association helps thousands of FMA members overcome challenges such as increased global competition to employee skills gaps faced by modern day manufacturing industry, and leverage the opportunities. FMA also partners with educational institutions across North America to support the schools that are preparing the future workforce.

**About the Fabricators & Manufacturers Association, International®**

The Fabricators & Manufacturers Association, International® (FMA) is a professional organization with more than 2,500 individual and company members with a mission to advocate for the growth and sustainability of the North American metal processing, forming, and fabricating industries.

Founded in 1970, FMA brings metal fabricators and equipment manufacturers together through technology councils, educational programs, networking events, and FABTECH, the industry's leading trade show.

FMA is also a co-founder of Manufacturing Day, a national movement dedicated to addressing common misperceptions about manufacturing by giving manufacturers an opportunity to open their doors and show, in a

coordinated effort, what modern manufacturing is. Although this celebration officially occurs the first Friday in October, any day can be MFG Day. ASU Mid-South participated in Manufacturing Day during the second week, on October 10 & 11, and had several hands-on activities planned to inform students about the many opportunities and benefits of a career in a manufacturing field.

### **About Arkansas State University Mid-South**

Arkansas State University Mid-South is a public two-year institution of higher education with an open-door admission policy, serving Crittenden County, Arkansas and the surrounding areas. The College is committed to enriching lives through high quality educational programming that fosters student success, workforce development, and lifelong learning.

For more information about ASU Mid-South, visit <https://www.asumidsouth.edu/>

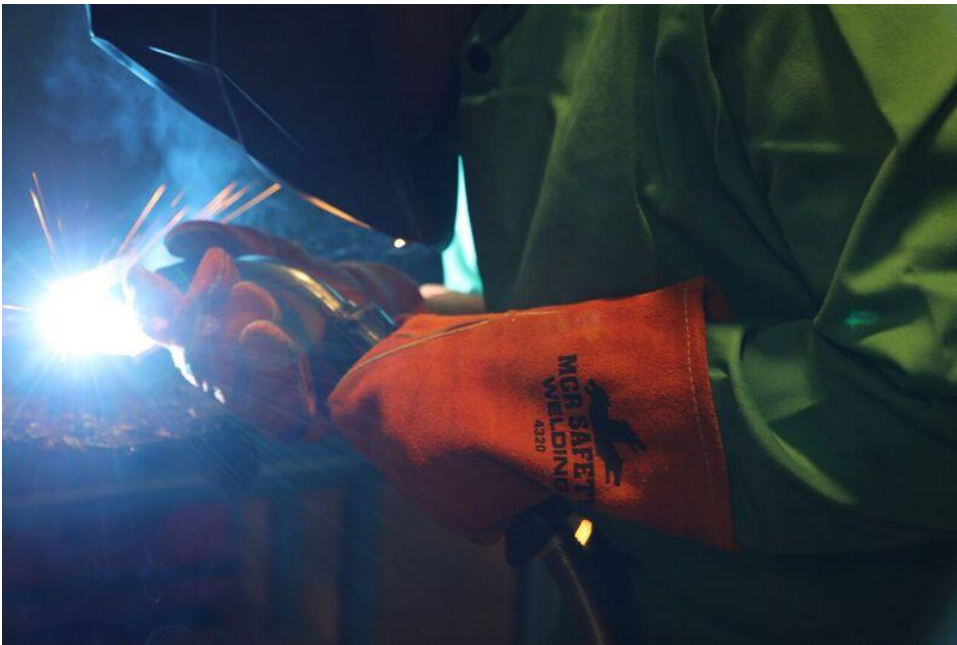
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