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Northeast Texas Community College Chooses Oxygen Education Content for Workforce Development

Workforce development sponsored by NTCC provides lean manufacturing, personal development, and quality systems training.

Indianapolis, Ind. – November 11, 2009 – Oxygen Education, LLC, a market leading developer of digital content for technical education and workforce development, today announced that **Northeast Texas Community College** (NTCC) has selected Oxygen Education content to provide a three month job skills training program for 85 **Ocean Spray**



employees in the Ocean Spray Sulphur Springs, Texas facility. The NTCC-sponsored training will implement Oxygen Education training content to help Ocean Spray employees learn new skills and upgrade current skills. Training will be provided in three areas: Lean Manufacturing, Personal Development, and Quality Systems.

Northeast Texas Community College is sponsoring the training in partnership with the area's Regional Advanced Manufacturing Academy (RAMA) Consortium. Composed of fourteen corporate members, the consortium partnered with NTCC to provide training for workforce development under a grant from the **Texas Workforce Commission** (TWC) Skills Development Fund.

Judy Jackson, NTCC director of Continuing Education and Corporate Training, and Dan Schmeling, Ed.D, RAMA Project Director at NTCC, work closely with RAMA, developing customized training programs to meet local workforce development needs. "Successful public education and private industry partnerships benefit everyone involved," said Schmeling. "When employees continue to grow and learn, industry stays on the leading edge of innovation. Northeast Texas Community College sincerely values our area employers. We work hard to create workforce training programs that meet their needs and are pleased to provide Oxygen Education courses as an integral part of this workforce development program."

"A skilled, trained workforce is critical to our success," said the Continuous Improvement Manager at Ocean Spray's Sulphur Springs facility. "Oxygen Education's courses deliver thoroughly researched content in a highly interactive, online format that will engage our team in learning." Courses to be offered to the Ocean Spray employees include:

- **Lean Manufacturing** — Introduction to Lean; 5S
- **Personal Development** — Working in Groups
- **Quality Systems** — Statistical Process Control



“Oxygen Education is proud to be part of the NTCC — RAMA initiative to provide job skills training and workforce development in northeast Texas,” said Mike Fitzgerald, Oxygen Education president. “Our online courses for manufacturing education and workforce development are an excellent fit for this project. Employers and educators simply choose appropriate content from our library of courses and easily create customized training programs to meet local needs.”

Northeast Texas Community College serves students with a wide range of degree and certificate programs. University-bound students have many academic programs to choose from. Students take courses that will transfer to their university while earning an associate degree from NTCC. For students looking for workforce training, NTCC offers numerous programs and state-of-the-art facilities. NTCC works closely with employers in agriculture, business, industry, health care, and public agencies to design workforce programs that provide students the real-world knowledge they need to succeed in their chosen careers. NTCC offers classes in a beautiful and rural setting from its main campus in Mount Pleasant, on three satellite campuses, and online.

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About Oxygen Education

Oxygen Education, LLC develops high quality, interactive, digital content for technical education and workforce development. Our staff of experienced manufacturing and technology industry personnel works closely with our highly trained instructional and graphic design teams translating complex, technical concepts into engaging online learning experiences. Our methodology affirms learner competency with thorough activities and end-of-chapter assessments. Educational institutions, manufacturers, and workforce development programs around the globe choose Oxygen Education to train the world’s evolving workforce. To learn more about Oxygen Education, please visit us at www.o2ed.com.

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