Oregon Manufacturing Innovation Center (OMIC)
What is OMIC?

Vision Statement: To create an industry-driven, world class advanced manufacturing training center in Oregon to prepare the skilled workforce of the future and keep Oregon companies competitive globally.
OMIC History

- Boeing Portland
- AMRC – Sheffield, England
- Columbia County
- Partnerships
OMIC Training Recent Milestones

July 2017

PCC Hires OMIC Training Director

Chris Holden begins as PCC OMIC Training Director. Mr. Holden has over 30 years of manufacturing experience including the development of a Machinist apprenticeship.

October 2017

Budget Allocated for OMIC Training

PCC approved initial budget for OMIC planning for 17-19 biennium.

February 2018

OMIC Training JATC Formed

Industry representatives from Vigor, Evraz, Rightline Equipment, and JC Customer Machine and Design formed a Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee for OMIC. The JATC worked with PCC and BOLI to begin developing apprenticeship standards.
DOL Apprenticeship Grant Received

PCC received a grant of $247,500 from the state of Oregon over 2.5 years to expand manufacturing registered apprenticeships including three for OMIC in Machining, Industrial Fabrication and Mechatronics.

March 2018

Facility Design Build Firm Selected

Mortenson Construction was selected through a competitive RFP process to lead the facility planning and implementation for PCC OMIC facility.

May 2018

First OMIC Apprenticeship Approved

The Oregon State Apprenticeship and Training Council approved the first OMIC Registered Apprenticeship standards for Machinists. The JATC spent significant time developing these standards for OMIC.

June 2018

NCATC Provides Tech. Assistance

PCC brought in national workforce agency, National Coalition for Advanced Technology Centers, to host OMIC Training stakeholder meetings and provide recommendations on facility.

August 2018
October 2018

First OMIC Manufacturing Day Event
PCC collaborated with many partners to host the first OMIC Manufacturing Day event with over 230 high school students in attendance along with over 35 manufacturers, makers, local robotics teams, and representatives from PCC and OIT.

October 2018

PCC K-12 Council Kickoff Event at OMIC
PCC hosted a kick off meeting for new K-12 Council in partnership with Stand for Children at OMIC R & D Center. School district superintendents and key PCC leaders attended event. OMIC is establishing strong pathways for both CTE and transfer students.

October 2018

PCC Receives NCATC Report
PCC will receive final report from NCATC with recommendations on OMIC facility and programming.
Future Timeline

Fall 2018

Upcoming Tasks
- Curriculum Development
- 2 standards established/approved
- Begin registering students
- Staffing
- High School Partnerships
- Facility Planning

Fall 2020

PCC OMIC Training Center Opens
Employer Engagement
Questions?

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