



Hypertherm Welcomes Students to Hanover Headquarters

HANOVER, N.H.—March 25, 2008—Hypertherm, the world leader in plasma metal cutting technology, is planning to welcome students to its Upper Valley headquarters for Job Shadow Day.

The program, coordinated by The Upper Valley Business and Education Partnership (UVBEP) enables youths to observe a workplace as their hosts go through a normal day on the job. Nearly 700 eighth graders from eight Upper Valley schools will shadow an adult at work during Job Shadow Day, which is planned for tomorrow.

The idea behind such a program is that it helps teenage students better understand how to apply skills learned in the classroom to the real world. In addition, it provides insight on careers the students might want to pursue in the future.

Hypertherm is one of more than 170 Upper Valley employers welcoming students into its workplace. Hypertherm will plan hands-on activities, facility tours and give students an opportunity to see a Hypertherm plasma cutting system in action.

“We are so excited to participate in this program,” said Melissa Carlson, Hypertherm’s director of human resources. “It is so fun to meet the students who will make up tomorrow’s workforce and show them a little bit of what we do here at Hypertherm.”

UVBEP is a nonprofit organization serving 30 schools in the greater Upper Valley region of New Hampshire and Vermont. The Partnership facilitates programs that link schools with local employers, including experiential learning and career planning projects for students and professional development activities for educators. To learn more, call UVBEP at 603-643-3431 x2901 or email info@uvbep.org.

Hypertherm designs and manufactures the world’s most advanced plasma cutting systems for use in a variety of industries such as shipbuilding, manufacturing, and automotive repair. Its product line includes handheld and mechanized plasma cutters and consumables, as well as CNC motion and height controls. Hypertherm systems are trusted for fast, precision metal cutting and reliability that results in increased productivity and profitability for tens of thousands of businesses. The New Hampshire based company’s reputation for plasma innovation dates back 40 years, to 1968, with Hypertherm’s invention of water injection plasma cutting. The company, consistently named one of the best places to work in America, has more than 900 associates along with regional operations and partner representation worldwide.

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