

Delphi Delco Electronics, United Auto Workers, and Toyota join with Workforce Training Center to develop computer lab

Companies' \$20,000 grant bolsters Milwaukee-area workforce development



Display in Delphi's plant with (from left to right) Mona Garland, Director of Workforce Training Center; Tom Roessl, UAW Local 438 Joint Activities Coordinator; Gerry Rayner, Delphi Milwaukee Site Human Resources Director; Jim Wiseman, Toyota Vice President; Edgar Russell, Technical Training Manager of Workforce Training Center; Robert Peter, UAW Region 4 Servicing Manager; Marc Martens, Delphi Delco Director Public Affairs and Communications; John Froschauer, Toyota Purchasing Manager; Frank Johnson, UAW Local 438 Shop Chairperson; David York, UAW Local 438 President; and Lee Fiorvento, Delphi Milwaukee Site Managing Director.

Delphi Delco Electronics and Toyota teamed up on September 27, 2002 to provide a \$20,000 "Community Connection" grant to the Workforce Training Center of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The grant will be used to develop a computer lab for a job-skills development program

"We are grateful to Delphi and Toyota for helping our center provide the technology skills that are an absolute 'must-have' for a qualified workforce," said Mona Garland, director of WTC. "This grant will help support the economic future of the entire Greater Milwaukee area, as our trainees will be prepared for higher-paying jobs, and our employers will have well-skilled pool of potential employees." Garland said that currently, WTC does not have the equipment to meet the need for computer-based training on site and must rely on other facilities and subcontractors, many of which close at 5 p.m. The computer lab's plans call for 16 PC-equipped workstations, to accommodate a minimum of 12 hours of WTC's technology training per day. In addition, the United AutoWorkers Local 438 has donated \$3,000 for the computer lab.

Delphi, whose Milwaukee-area plant provides engine and powertrain controllers for the Toyota Matrix and Corolla, chose WTC as the Community Connection recipient. The Delphi Delco Electronics Systems plant is located in Oak Creek, Wisconsin, and employs 950 team members.