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### Robotics and Automation Training Available

The Alliance for Business, an educational partnership between Crowder College and Missouri Southern State University, has received a new robotic system. This system, Panasonic 1125 PerformArc Robotic Welding System, will be demonstrated April 8, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at the Alliance for Business facility, 3601 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Neosho, MO

The primary areas of instruction for the robotic program are welding, material handling, programming and maintenance. The training should provide employers and their employees a greater experience and skill level when working with robotic equipment.

The robot was purchased with the intent of training people to work on automated systems. There is a shortage of skilled welders making the robotic welding arm appealing to purchase. The funding for the robotic equipment was made available through a Community Based Job Training Grant.

Companies already using robotic equipment or interested in purchasing some should come see our demonstration. The equipment is very precise and the technology has been available for more than twenty years. Robotics is becoming more affordable and efficient has made it desirable for many manufacturers.

For more information please contact our Alliance for Business group at 800-783-8053.

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The demonstration will be 30 minutes or less with Claude Howard and Marcia Sommer from the Alliance for Business available to answer questions. Please feel free to contact me if you have additional question.