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**Local, state, national leaders cut ribbon on
Gateway's Advanced Propulsion Lab**

Training workers in the advanced skills they will need today and tomorrow is the key to providing solid careers for the workforce and moving the American economy forward local, national and state representatives said today. That training, using innovative technology and equipment, is found at Gateway Technical College's Advanced Propulsion Lab at the Horizon Center for Transportation Technology.

Speaking at the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the 12,800-square-foot lab at 4940-88th Ave., Kenosha, Jane Oates, U.S. Department of Labor Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training Administration, said the quality training provided at Horizon Center, with its cutting-edge technology, creates a perfect vehicle to bolster the economy and sustain careers.

"This is a world-class center and you should be proud it is in your community," said Oates. "The people who engage in this training will have world-class credentials and have better opportunities to compete in the workforce, and business will have increased opportunities to grow, as well. This facility is at the cutting edge."

The Advanced Propulsion Lab will provide the solid and nationally recognized vehicle training that has been the hallmark of the Horizon Center since its inception in 2007, focusing on diesel and related “green” technologies.

“Advanced propulsion is an all-encompassing term and this facility will provide training for qualified technicians in many different areas of the transportation industry,” said Gateway President Bryan Albrecht.

Students will learn how to mix biodiesel fuel and will be trained on charging stations for today’s vehicles powered by electricity. Beyond diesel technology, one lab will incorporate torque technology and related training needed for today’s wind industry technicians, one of several areas in which Gateway has begun to offer courses in “green” or sustainable careers.

Wisconsin Governor Jim Doyle said as the transportation industry becomes more advanced, workers need to be trained on the advanced skills such as those which will be taught at the lab.

“To see this addition is a wonderful moment for me,” said Doyle. “It is critical that we have workers trained to meet the needs of the changing world of transportation.”

Nicholas T. Pinchuk, Snap-on Incorporated chairman, president and chief executive officer, said the technology and innovation of the lab is what’s needed in America today.

“This is exactly what we need to compete in the global marketplace,” he said.

Students will have the opportunity to prepare for their careers with training in state of the art Snap-on diagnostics and in a Snap-on-sponsored “green garage” which will use only sustainable or other environmentally friendly chemicals and related processes.

Other features include an engine “run” room for mimicking real-world drive conditions and a hydraulics lab for practicing what they learn.

The event is archived at Gateway’s Web site, www.gtc.edu/apl

Gateway Technical College collaborates with communities in Kenosha, Racine and Walworth counties to ensure economic growth and viability by providing education, training, leadership and technological resources to meet the changing needs of students, employers and communities.

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