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Title RASTELLI FOODS SERVES GCC CUSTOMIZED EMPLOYEE TRAINING

Deptford Twp. –Rastelli Foods and Global Distribution have set the menu for professional development and customized training at their Logan Township processing facilities inviting employees to improve job skills, the product of an \$83,200 Department of Labor (DOL) grant.

A leader in the food management industry since 1976, Rastelli Foods supplies quality beef, pork, veal, lamb and poultry to hotels, restaurants, institutions and retail markets worldwide. Operating under strict U.S.D.A. guidelines, sanitation, cleanliness and safety issues are of prime importance at Rastelli’s processing facilities, warehouses, and distribution centers. The DOL grant, developed by Gloucester County College’s (GCC) Continuing Education Division, will make supervisory development, food service and sanitation courses available through the College’s Business and Industry Training (BIT) Center to better educate employees.

“This is a great opportunity for Rastelli Foods and Global Distribution to use the many business and industry resources available at Gloucester County College,” stated College President William F. Anderson. “GCC’s mission is to support the economic development of the community and enhance the community’s quality of life. We are excited about assisting in this important partnership.”

Through the customized consortium training grant that runs until August 2006, workers will receive special instruction in areas that include Basic Supervising in a Manufacturing Environment,

Becoming an Effective Team Leader, Industrial Hygiene for Supervisors, Professional Selling Strategies, Spanish for Manufacturing, and Aspen computer system training.

The professional development classes are designed to upgrade employee manufacturing skills and improve worker retention, helping to keep Rastelli Foods competitive in the global job market. Courses are offered on-site at Rastelli's new 50,000 square foot state-of-the-art processing facility located in the Pureland Industrial Complex. Through the GCC/ Rastelli Foods partnership, training for the company's 132 employees is convenient and accessible.

"Rastelli Foods is an important business and employer in our county," stated Freeholder Director Stephen M. Sweeney. "The county is always looking for ways to assist our local businesses and industries to become stronger. GCC and the BIT Center go a long way to provide customized training and other programs that help our companies stay in business, grow and prosper," said Sweeney.

"This Department of Labor grant will help to reinforce safe food handling practices and supervisory decision-making skills through the College's specialized-training courses," said Company President Raymond Rastelli, a graduate of GCC. "Working together with GCC is a great example of the significant benefits that can be achieved through a school-business partnership."

"Our businesses are the backbone of our local and regional economy. Grants such as this from the Department of Labor are a testament to the success of Rastelli Foods and Gloucester County's BIT Center," noted Freeholder Joseph A. Brigandi Jr., the county's liaison to both Economic Development and GCC. "The County is continuing to promote itself as a place where businesses can grow and prosper and Rastelli's is a great example of how a business can utilize the resources of Gloucester County College to help improve their bottom line with skilled workers."

For more information on customized training programs offered through GCC's BIT Center, please call (856) 384-8511. The BIT Center is located at 875 Kings Highway in West Deptford. The College's 270-acre campus is located on Tanyard Road in Deptford, just off Exit 56 of Route 55.

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