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GCC TO CELEBRATE 75,000 CONTRACTORS & 14-YEAR SAFETY MILESTONE

Deptford Twp. –Gloucester County College will celebrate training 75,000 contractors in safety protocol and a 14-year partnership with the Delaware Valley Safety Council at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 26, at the Business and Industry Training (BIT) Center in West Deptford. New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development Commissioner David J. Socolow will join College President Dr. Russell Davis, members of the Gloucester County Board of Chosen Freeholders, plant executives and other invited guests to commemorate the milestone.

Michael Crowley, Jr. of Voorhees, a member of Local 28 Boilermakers and a safety coordinator for J.J. White, Inc., was the 75,000 contractor to enroll in the College's Basic Safety Orientation Program. As the lucky 75,000 contractor, Crowley, who is currently working at the Valero Refining Company—NJ in Paulsboro, will attend the special gathering hosted by GCC and the Delaware Valley Safety Council where he will be the recipient of numerous prizes and have the opportunity to meet executives from all of the member plants, GCC, and dignitaries from the community.

The safety council is a non-profit organization comprised of 15 major petrochemical and allied industry companies located in the Greater Delaware Valley that includes: Air Products, Baxter Pharmaceuticals, Coim USA, Conoco-Phillips, ExxonMobil Lube, ExxonMobil Research, Ferro Corp., Johnson Matthey, Lubrizol, Mannington Mills, NuStar Energy, PolyOne, Solvay-Solexis, Sunoco, Valero Refining and Wacker Chemical.

Companies involved in the safety council organization require all contractors that do work at their plants to complete a 4.5 hour orientation training program. Those who

complete the program are qualified to work at the thousands of participating plant-refinery sites across the country.

The curriculum for the safety orientation program has been created and sanctioned by the Association of Reciprocal Safety Councils (ARSC), Inc. GCC delivers ARSC curriculum materials and the course examination. The program is designed to help host employers satisfy contractor training responsibilities under OSHA's Process Safety Management Standard.

For more information on this program or others offered through GCC's BIT Center, call (856) 384-8511. Gloucester County College's BIT Center is located at 875 Kings Highway in West Deptford.