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El Camino College Compton Center
Receives Aerospace Fastener Equipment Donated by Industry

On December 16, El Camino College Compton Center took delivery of aerospace fastener manufacturing equipment donated by Alcoa Fastening Systems (AFS), Johnson Gage, Inc., PB Fasteners, Shafer Machinery, Inc., and TurnCorp, Inc. The donated equipment includes: a cold header machine, Traub automatic turning machine, optical comparator, centerless grinder, and miscellaneous tools and measurement instrumentation.

The generous equipment donations are in support of a continuation of El Camino College Compton Center’s Aerospace Fastener Manufacturing Program being developed with the assistance of key corporations in the aerospace industry. A skilled trade, aerospace fastener manufacturing consists of the mechanical joining of two or more objects, including bolts and rivets, and is used in transportation, defense and construction industries.

“We have had tremendous support from key players in the industry,” said David Gonzales, El Camino College director of Centers for Applied Competitive Technologies (CACT). “In fact, our industry partners found the curriculum-development process so valuable that they donated close to a million dollars of the necessary training machines to the program.”

With the upcoming introduction of the new Boeing 787 commercial aircraft, current demand will increase for well-trained individuals in the aerospace fastener industry. It is estimated that 200-400 workers will be needed each year for the next five years.

The college introduced its first Aerospace Fastener Boot Camp Program as part of the Career and Technical Education curriculum in fall 2008 with a total 48 students completing the 8-week program in two separate sessions. The training was provided by the CACT and funded by the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s office of economic and workforce development.

Now, as host to the only college-level training program for aerospace fastening in the western United States, El Camino College Compton Center is working with a host of industry partners to develop curriculum for a fully credentialed Aerospace Fastener Manufacturing Program targeted to commence during the spring 2010 semester.
For information about the Aerospace Fastener Training Program at El Camino College Compton Center, contact Alicia Zambrano at 310-900-1600, ext. 2779.

**About Compton Center**
El Camino College Compton Center is the community’s education solution offering a full complement of transfer and degree courses, as well as career and technical education. Students may earn an associate degree or certificate, transfer to a four-year university or train for a career. Many classes are available and offered at an affordable price—fees are only $26 per unit. The college catalog and class schedule for day, evening, weekend and online courses is available on the Web site at [www.compton.edu](http://www.compton.edu) or may be picked up at Compton Center located at 1111 E. Artesia Boulevard, Compton, CA. For more information, call 310-900-1600.

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**Photo Caption:**

El Camino College Compton Center Receives Equipment Donations from Aerospace Industry Partners (from left to right): Rob Briles, President, PB Fasteners Inc.; Rodney Murray, Dean, Vocational Technology, El Camino College Compton Center; Wolf Halder, President, Turn Corp, Inc.; Owe Carlsson, Senior Engineer, Alcoa Fastening Systems, Inc.