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WCCC one of seven schools selected for donation by Siemens Industry, Inc.

Grand Junction – Siemens Industry, Inc. today announced that Western Colorado Community college is one of seven schools in the nation that will receive in-kind donations of automation equipment and software as part of its Siemens Automation Cooperates with Education (SCE) program. Designed to help *jump-start* or upgrade technical programs and curriculum with leading edge Siemens automation technologies, more than 60 universities, colleges, trade schools and high schools were nominated for the SCE Educational Development Award by Siemens distributors across the country.

The other six award recipients are Alexandria Technical College, Alexandria, Minn.; Pennsylvania College of Technology, Williamsport, Pa.; University of Nevada, Las Vegas; Kellogg Community College, Battle Creek, Mich.; Old Dominion University, Norfolk, Va.; and College of the Sequoias, Visalia, Calif.

“Education continues to be a priority at Siemens in the United States and across the globe, especially in the areas of science, technology, engineering and mathematics,” said Raj Batra, president, Industry Automation Division, Siemens Industry, Inc. “Through our partnerships with the winning schools, Siemens is able to support educational programs that are training the workforce of tomorrow.”

The selected schools were able to choose from two technology packages, one based on the Simatic S7-200 platform and the other based on the Simatic S7-300 platform. Additionally, Siemens will provide training on the new equipment for instructors from the recipient institutions.

“We are very pleased to have been selected to partner with Siemens,” said Brigitte Sunderman, Mesa State College Vice President of Community College Affairs. “Working with industry to prepare our students with the skills and knowledge they need in the real world is one of the things we do best.

The recipient schools will also become education partners with Siemens. Education partners are schools who have made investments in their degree or certificate programs to include Siemens automation technologies. Partner schools receive access to additional resources, support services and discounts on Siemens automation components and software. For more information about becoming a Siemens Education Partner, visit: www.siemens.com/sce.

The Technology Integration Department at WCCC offers an AAS Degree in Process Systems Technology of which PLC training is an integral part. The Siemens partnership expands this area of training with the addition of 10 new trainers. Assistant Technical Professor, Gordon Koch has recently completed training at the Siemens Training Center in Atlanta Georgia and is installing the new trainers this fall 2009.

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