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**IVY TECH COMMUNITY COLLEGE NOW A  
MOTOMAN ENDORSED ROBOTICS INSTRUCTOR TRAINING (MERIT) CENTER**

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**DAYTON, OH (JANUARY 11, 2011)** — Ivy Tech Community College is now a Motoman Endorsed Robotics Instructor Training (MERIT) center. Through the MERIT program, community colleges and universities such as Ivy Tech bring the same level and quality of Motoman training to the regional manufacturing workforce.

Initially the Columbus, Indiana campus of Ivy Tech will deliver the DX100 Basic Programming course, with possible expansion to include other courses and other campuses. Ivy Tech can offer training in a flexible format and schedule that best meets the needs of their students.

“We are very excited about collaborating with Ivy Tech and manufacturers in central Indiana,” says Doug Schenher, vice president of Motoman Robotics, Customer Satisfaction Group. “We view Ivy Tech as an extension of our Motoman training department. With an installed base of over 1,000 robots in this area, this is a significant win for the regional workforce and manufacturers. Increasing the skills of the workforce in the areas of robotics and advanced manufacturing enables companies to achieve new levels of productivity and profitability.”

“Robotics is critical to Indiana’s advanced manufacturing sector and as companies strive to increase efficiencies, the use of automated technologies will continue to grow,” says Thomas J. Snyder, president of Ivy Tech Community College. “Other economic sectors are also relying more and more heavily on what has become over a \$20 billion industry including military/defense and medicine/healthcare. Creating a training center featuring an industry leader in robotics makes sense for Indiana’s workforce and for Indiana’s businesses.”

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**About Motoman Robotics**

Founded in 1989, the Motoman Robotics Division of Yaskawa America, Inc. has grown to become the second largest robotics company in the Americas with an installed based of over 30,000 units. Its products include robotic automation solutions for virtually every industry and robotic application, including arc welding, assembly, coating, dispensing, material handling, material cutting, material removal and spot welding operations. For more information, please visit our website at [www.motoman.com](http://www.motoman.com).

**About Ivy Tech**

Ivy Tech Community College is the state's largest public postsecondary institution and the nation's largest singly accredited statewide community college system serving nearly 200,000 students annually. Ivy Tech has campuses throughout Indiana. It serves as the state's engine of workforce development, offering affordable degree programs and training that are aligned with the needs of its community, along with courses and programs that transfer to other colleges and universities in Indiana. It is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and a member of the North Central Association.

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