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MOTOMAN ROBOTS USED IN GO TOPEKA'S SECONDARY PILOT PROGRAM

DAYTON, OH (OCTOBER 2011) — Two Motoman® educational cells and eight DX100 SES-II Simple Education Systems were recently purchased as part of GO Topeka's Entrepreneurial and Minority Business Development (EMBD) program. Each educational cell features an enclosure with a Motoman MH5 material handling robot and MotoSight™ 2D vision system. The SES-II is a PC-based robot simulator that allows users to learn to operate and program Motoman robots in the virtual world.

EMBD's Advanced Automation Robotics Secondary Pilot Program is the first in the country. "GO Topeka's EMBD saw an existing gap and sought a global leader in robotics to help make this opportunity possible," said Doug Schenher, vice president of customer satisfaction at Motoman Robotics.

Highland Park High School offers a robotics class as a partnership between GO Topeka's EMBD program, Topeka Public Schools and The Washburn Institute of Technology. The class is available to students from other high schools in the district and an adult education course will be offered as well. Students and adults completing the program are eligible to receive a certification with the job-ready title of operator, technician or basic programmer. The program is designed to carry this robotics education opportunity forward through a pipeline of secondary and post-secondary options.

The robotics instructor, Professor Bruce Babin, has taken training courses at Motoman Robotics' Technical Education Center (MTEC). MTEC is an authorized provider for the International Association for continuing education and Training (IACET) and offers over 75 different courses.

The Highland Park High project is Motoman Robotics' first secondary education program in advanced automation robotics.

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