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Deptford Twp. – Gloucester County College wants to get the word out about the made-to-order training instruction taking place at the College’s Business and Industry Training (BIT) Center so who better to invite on a campus tour than New Jersey Commissioner of Labor & Workforce Development A. J. Sabath and New Jersey Director of Business Brian Peters.

Sabath and Peters came to the BIT Center on Monday, November 28, to tour the 4 fully-equipped classrooms at the West Deptford facility and learn first hand about GCC’s customized training program before traveling to the main campus to meet with College administrators and members of the Gloucester County business community.

Intended to anticipate and meet the needs of regional business through partnerships in education and instruction, the BIT Center offers a wide range of customized programs to provide companies with a well-skilled workforce. Founded in 1990, the BIT Center currently serves 6,500 company employees annually offering customized courses ranging from basic skills to highly specialized programs. Through training, employee productivity and efficiency is improved positively contributing to the organization’s economic growth.

“Gloucester County College has had a tremendous transformation over the last few years in becoming a leader in

workforce training,” stated the Commissioner during a luncheon discussion with College officials and executives from Sunoco, Valero, ESCO, and ExxonMobil. “The College makes good training available to employers and helps South Jersey businesses compete in the global workforce. A great partnership has developed over the years between GCC and the state,” said Sabath.

“We are committed to the workforce in this county and beyond,” stated GCC President William F. Anderson, noting that approximately \$1 million in active state grants has been awarded to area companies this fiscal year. “Gloucester County College’s mission is to support the economic development of the area and enhance the community’s quality of life.”

In September, the College and the South Jersey Chemical Manufacturers Safety Council (SJC MSC) celebrated the 50,000th worker to complete the chemical safety course offered at the BIT Center. The 10-year safety training program partnership was designed to protect workers at area refineries and plants from on-site hazards and trains over 6,000 contractors annually in the tri-state area, according to SJC MSC President Frank Radio, Jr. of the ExxonMobil—Paulsboro Lube Plant. “The contractor training saves the company both time and money,” he said.

For more information about GCC’s BIT Center, please call (856) 384-8511. Gloucester County College’s BIT Center is located at 875 Kings Highway in West Deptford.

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