



## The Suppliers' *Edge*

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### Looking for Skilled, Reliable Workers?

If you are in hiring mode, you might want to consider this new resource for posting your openings. The Center for America has created an online job search site for unemployed National Guard members of which there are over 60,000. Many have training from the Guard's 107 diverse training programs. Nearly 400,000 Guard members have been trained in using this new job site. To post a free listing, go to [www.CenterforAmerica.org](http://www.CenterforAmerica.org).

### Tax Credit for Education Partnerships

Congressman Don Young (R-Alaska) and U.S. Rep. Joe Courtney (D-Connecticut) are co-sponsoring "The Public Private Vocational Partnership Act" which would offer tax incentives to businesses that donate equipment to career technical education programs or host internships in conjunction with training programs approved by a college or school. Cognizant of the skilled workforce dilemma faced by manufacturing companies, the Act encourages partnerships that would give students training in industry's state of the art equipment which in turn would expand the job pool of qualified workers – while providing a tax incentive to companies. The credit would be up to \$50,000 for property donations and up to \$6,000 per internship. Replacing an aging workforce is seen as a national challenge, the impetus for a bipartisan bill. Stay tuned.

### TigerStop Donates to School Woodshop

Kelso High School in Washington State was the happy recipient of a TigerStop SawGear, a length-measuring, automated device which will be used in the program's cabinet building courses. "The system allows me to teach in a way that would not be possible without it, and it exposes students to the technology used in the manufacturing world," says instructor Cory Torppa, whose students will next year build a house from the ground up. "We believe the next generation will be more tech savvy," says Spencer Dick, CEO and founder of TigerStop. "It is our obligation to reach the younger generation through innovative new products and to help groom them by becoming involved." TigerStop hosted a teacher in-service conference for WoodLINKS USA, the industry-education partnership organization which trains students for careers in wood.