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### **NIMS Opens New Gene Haas Education Center**

*Onsite center will provide direct training to educators and businesses using NIMS*

**Fairfax, VA, November 4, 2015**— Today, NIMS officially opened its new education center to help educators and businesses deliver the highest quality and most relevant manufacturing training for students and employees. The Gene Haas Education Center, located on NIMS' campus in Fairfax, VA, will provide workshops and training for instructors and industry representatives.

“NIMS is committed to empowering companies and education institutions to build a skilled workforce in their communities by equipping them with the right knowledge, tools and resources,” says NIMS Executive Director, James Wall. “The Gene Haas Education Center will allow us to further this mission and offer more frequent and targeted learning opportunities for all of our stakeholders.”

The first series of workshops are focused on supporting educators and businesses in developing curriculum that aligns with industry developed standards. The workshop series includes:

- NIMS Ready
- Geometric Dimensioning and Tolerancing (GD&T) Trainer
- On-the-Job (OJT) Trainer Preparation
- Establishing an Apprenticeship Program

“Gene Haas Foundation is proud to support the education center, which will help improve and expand technical training offered through high schools, colleges, businesses and other learning providers,” said Kathy Looman, Gene Haas Foundation. “With 3.5 million manufacturing jobs needing to be filled over the next-decade, our economic competitiveness depends on preparing students, workers and educators to embrace the skills and credentials needed for current and future jobs.”

More information about the Gene Haas Education Center and a schedule of upcoming workshops can be accessed [here](#).

## **About NIMS**

NIMS is the developer of quality competency-based skills standards and credentials for jobs in manufacturing and related industries. Through these efforts, NIMS certifies a safe and skilled workforce for the global economy. Visit [www.nimsready.org](http://www.nimsready.org)

## **About the Gene Haas Foundation**

The Gene Haas Foundation was formed in 1999 to fund the needs of the local community and other deserving charities, at the discretion of its founder, Mr. Gene Haas. High on the list of priorities of the Gene Haas Foundation is supporting manufacturing education, which encompasses many types of programs that inspire and educate young people about careers in manufacturing. In addition GHF provides scholarship funding for students to attend colleges that teach machining based skills. Visit <http://ghaasfoundation.org>.