

Manufacturing Focus partners with ASC Training & Development to upskill manufacturing workforce

ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA, 12 May 2011 – Manufacturing Focus, one of the leading manufacturing and organisational improvement providers in Australia, announced today that it has partnered with ASC Training & Development, a leading training provider to government and corporate clients, to provide nationally accredited training.

Mark Fusco, Managing Director of Manufacturing Focus, said the company would now offer Certificate III and IV in Competitive Manufacturing, complementing their manufacturing planning services, which are ideal qualifications for manufacturing workforces moving towards an advanced manufacturing future.

“We have found that the need to improve the skills of the manufacturing workforce is just as critical as any other changes to a factory planning for a sustainable future,” Mr Fusco said. “With the depth of hands on experience and knowledge within our team we are able to transfer real capability to our client’s workforce through training.

“Partnering with a high quality RTO such as ASC Training & Development complements the quality and professionalism of our business approach to ensure our clients will gain a quality training experience.”

The need for continuous upskilling in the manufacturing sector was highlighted in the recently released *Manufacturing Futures*, a paper commissioned by the NSW Business Chamber. The report indicated the need for continuous upskilling of the manufacturing workforce, including management, being essential to profit from new manufacturing business models.

“Training of management and staff is essential in order to help to change the lens from which they view their role in the future,” Mr Fusco said. “Creating a ‘learning organisation’ culture will certainly help the business adapt more quickly to change.”

About ASC Training & Development

Headed up by Director Tony Stone, ASC Training & Development has extensive experience in providing learning and development programs to both government and corporate clients since 1995 (<http://ascstraining.com.au/>).

About Manufacturing Focus

We believe that manufacturing is a core industry sector that plays a critical role in a sustainable advanced economy. We are passionate that manufacturing can be done better in Australia, not only surviving, but thriving.

We achieve effective change by understanding the value that can be created for the customer through the manufacturing and supply chain process and align the planning processes, facilities, systems and developing people to realise these.

- We work with globally focused enterprises that seek expert advice and resources of a service provider that understands and cares for their business.

- Manufacturing Focus is an independent, Australian-owned process engineering consultancy, with more than 300 years of industry experience.
- Established in 2005, Manufacturing Focus has grown into a sustainable process solutions specialist that operates nationally with interfaces into Asia.
- Customers include Thales, Arnotts, Australian Submarine Corporation, Bridgestone, Dux Hotwater, Intercast & Forge, Mitsubishi Motors Australia, Exide Technologies, Thermo Fisher Scientific, Matrix Composites and Engineering, Hoshizaki Lancer Beverages, Redarc Electronics, A&D Australasia, QEK Global, Bendix, and the Department of Further Education, Employment Science and Technology (DFEEST).

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