

Universal Technical Institute, Inc. and American Honda Motor Co., Inc. Announce Partnership

CHICAGO, Jan. 26, 2011 /PRNewswire/ -- Universal Technical Institute, Inc. (UTI) and American Honda Motor Co., Inc. have announced plans to offer Honda's Professional Automotive Career Training (P.A.C.T.) program at a UTI campus beginning this summer.

The program will be offered at UTI's Glendale Heights, Ill. campus, and will be the only P.A.C.T. training location in the Metropolitan Chicago area.

Prior to participating in Honda P.A.C.T., students must complete UTI's core automotive program. During P.A.C.T. coursework, students will have the opportunity to complete factory maintenance and repair section certifications in several areas, including Express Service, General Maintenance, Electrical Repair, Engine Repair, Transmission Repair, Fuel System Repair, Air Conditioning Repair, Steering & Suspension Repair, and Brake Repair. Upon completion of the program, a student will have completed a minimum of 63 weeks of training and be eligible for entry-level employment with participating Honda and Acura dealers.

"Many of our Honda and Acura dealers in the greater Chicago area already hire technicians from UTI. Because the dealers are in full support of this school, the P.A.C.T. program will have a head start to a successful implementation and recognize UTI as the area dealer's choice for trained technicians," said James Roach, Senior Vice President, Parts and Service Operations at American Honda. "The program will provide our dealers with professional Honda or Acura certified technicians, which many of our dealers would welcome, adding great value to our automotive service organization."

"It is with great pleasure that we announce this addition to the UTI and American Honda relationship," said Greg Dickson, UTI's vice president of customer solutions and advanced training. "American Honda and its associated automobile brands have a tremendous reputation in the marketplace and we are honored to be chosen to administer the P.A.C.T. training at UTI to service both its Honda and Acura dealers."

UTI holds a long-standing history of training programs with American Honda and has offered Honda training for more than 24 years at UTI's Motorcycle Mechanics Institute and for 14 years at UTI's Marine Mechanics Institute.

About Universal Technical Institute, Inc.:

Headquartered in Phoenix, Arizona, Universal Technical Institute, Inc. (NYSE: UTI) is the leading provider of post-secondary education for students seeking careers as professional automotive, diesel, collision repair, motorcycle and marine technicians. With more than 140,000 graduates in its 45-year history, UTI offers undergraduate degree, diploma and certificate programs at 11 campuses across the United States, as well as manufacturer-specific training programs at dedicated training centers. Through its campus-based school system, UTI provides specialized post-secondary education programs under the banner of several well-known brands, including Universal Technical Institute (UTI), Motorcycle Mechanics Institute and Marine Mechanics Institute (MMI) and NASCAR Technical Institute (NTI).

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