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SUNY Campus Wins Prestigious Award For Infor VISUAL ERP-based Course

Synergy Resources professional co-authors groundbreaking textbook

Bay Shore, New York — Synergy Resources, www.synergyresources.net, an Infor channel partner, is proud to announce that Farmingdale State College, a campus of the State University of New York (SUNY), has been named a Progressive Manufacturing 100 Award winner in 2010 by Managing Automation magazine. The distinction was made for the school's development of groundbreaking course curriculum, "Introduction to ERP," based on the textbook, *Enterprise Resource Planning: A Transitional Approach from the Classroom to the Business World*.

The curriculum was built around Infor ERP VISUAL, based on software gifted by Infor, and services gifted by Synergy Resources to Farmingdale State College. The textbook was co-authored by SUNY professor Jill O'Sullivan and Gene Caiola of Synergy Resources, an Infor partner and value-added reseller,

"We need to have our sights on what is required of the future generation so we can best prepare them for the workforce," says Professor O'Sullivan. "This award shows how we can do this together with the generosity of time, effort, and insight of Synergy Resources, which helped make this happen."

The Progressive Manufacturing 100 (PM100) is an annual awards program sponsored by Managing Automation magazine to spotlight leadership and innovation in the manufacturing industry, including professional technical education. Under the direction of Professor O'Sullivan, Farmingdale State College partnered with Synergy Resources, Infor, and the local APICS chapter to create an Enterprise Resource Planning Alliance to promote a new ERP program of study.

“Graduates will become better prepared to enter the job market,” says Caiola. “With the support of Infor, we look forward to expanding the curriculum throughout the SUNY and beyond. It is an investment in U.S. manufacturing, which is important for the health of our country’s economic future.”

O’Sullivan spearheaded development of the ERP course believing that it would complement current course offerings. “I felt it was important for the students to have an opportunity to learn ERP software,” she explains. “The hands-on approach of the course applies case studies of actual manufacturing companies and helps prepare students for real-world situations, making them better job candidates upon graduation.”

SUNY stands in great company among the 100 honorees that will be feted at Progressive Manufacturing Summit 2010, May 3-5, at the Breakers, Palm Beach, FL. Other 2010 winners include 3M, Dow Corning Corp., IBM, Mercury Marine, and H.J. Heinz Co., among others.

About Synergy Resources, LLC

Synergy Resources (www.synergyresources.net) provides leading edge enterprise resources planning (ERP) software solutions and services to manufacturing and distribution companies who are looking to increase profitability and improve their operational performance. As a certified Infor Channel Partner, Synergy Resources has focused exclusively on selling and supporting Infor ERP VISUAL since 1992 and now has over 650 customers. With a staff of over 50 people based throughout the Northeast, Synergy Resources has the depth and breadth of knowledge and the expansive geographical reach to guide our customers through successful implementations that enhance productivity and increase profitability.

About Farmingdale State College

Farmingdale State College (www.farmingdale.edu) is a coeducational, public college with over 6400 students pursuing degrees in one of thirty-three programs in the areas of business, applied arts and sciences, health sciences, and technology. Students enjoy small, personalized classes with a dedicated faculty and staff including ninety Chancellor’s Award winners; fourteen of whom have been promoted to Distinguished Teaching/Service Professors. Strategic partnerships with many Long island companies result in active recruitment of our students for internships and full-time careers. Farmingdale offers a comprehensive athletic program, consisting of eighteen men’s and women’s teams, and is an active member of the NCAA Division III.

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