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### **Composites One Announces Educational Partnership with Davis Applied Technology College** *Public/private partnership supports DATC composites program which provides graduates with skills for today's job market in the greater Utah-area.*

**Arlington Heights, IL, September 28, 2016...** Composites One, the nation's leading distributor of composite materials, and Davis Applied Technology College (DATC), announced their new partnership this afternoon to customers, exhibitors and the press during CAMX 2016 in Anaheim, CA.

Through the new partnership, Composites One will work closely with DATC to enhance its current composites program by offering both real world product and process expertise that will provide students with the right skill set for careers within the composites industry upon graduation. The partnership will also allow Composites One, in cooperation with DATC, access to an excellent venue to conduct employee and customer training for new products, cost reduction, productivity/process improvements, automation and engineering design, as well as for continuing education for existing customers and suppliers.

"Composites One is dedicated to the advancement of our industry," said Composites One President and COO Leon Garoufalis during today's announcement. "With this new partnership, we can help prepare the next generation of composites professionals, as well as ensure that more of our industry's existing workforce is educated on the latest composites technologies."

Also speaking at the event were DATC President Michael Bouwhuis, and Ben Hart, Managing Director - Urban and Rural Business Services Governor's Office of Economic Development.

"This partnership with Composites One is very exciting," said DATC President Michael Bouwhuis. "Where education and industry can come together with a common cause is always a productive partnership. Together we will help to prepare highly skilled workers to preserve global competitiveness and economic opportunity within the composites industry. We will also ensure that there is a future workforce for this growing industry."

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“Anytime we can bring Utah based industry together with our state supported educational programs, it is beneficial,” added Ben Hart, Managing Director- Urban and Rural Business Services Governor’s Office of Economic Development. “Composites One will help expose students to real world business experience while DATC will prepare them with the right skill set for an exciting career in this industry – which in the end ultimately benefits, not only DATC students, but the state of Utah as well.”

Composites One and DATC will also work together to explore opportunities to expand student’s understanding of advanced composites and high performance materials like prepreg and thermoplastics, as well as processes like out-of-autoclave and additive manufacturing.

For more information on Composites One or DATC, please watch the Composites One website for regular postings and updates.

**About DATC:** Located in Kaysville, UT, Davis Applied Technology College (DATC) is one of eight campuses comprising the Utah College of Applied Technology (UCAT). Nationally accredited through the Council on Occupational Education, DATC provides competency-based education in an open-entry, open-exit environment. Their hands-on programs emphasize skills required to succeed in the workplace. Find out more at [datc.edu](http://datc.edu).

**About Composites One:** Composites One is the nation's leading distributor of composite materials, serving customers from more than 35 locations in North America. Composites One offers composites fabricators and molders thousands of products from more than 600 of the industry's top suppliers through a technical sales and customer service force that is the most knowledgeable in the industry. The company offers a variety of value added services that include a dedicated advanced composites team, closed mold technologies, technical applications reviews, and unmatched regulatory compliance assistance. Composites One is headquartered in Arlington Heights, IL. Find out more at [www.compositesone.com](http://www.compositesone.com).

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