

The Grainger Foundation Donates \$10,000 to Elgin Community College Foundation

The donation supports the Heating, Ventilation, Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration (HVACR) program at Elgin Community College. Specifically, the funds will be used to benefit "green"-themed technology classes as well as advanced heating and commercial refrigeration classes. HVACR Students will benefit from manufacturer specific training manuals and textbooks for the technical library and technical equipment such as data loggers, air flow meters and pyrometers.

"I am thrilled about the Grainger gift," said Andrew Erbach, ECC Associate Professor I of HVACR. "It will make a tremendous impact on the learning of HVAC students and enable the ECC HVACR department to broaden the renewable energy class scheduled for spring 2009."

This donation will help expand the boundaries and improve the training for the students of the HVACR in the areas of sustainability and efficiency.

This type of training will augment the high-quality training that students in the program receive. The productivity of the program was demonstrated by this year's national success at the SkillsUSA competition. ECC, which was a first-time participant, had four students receive high honors, including two first place wins in different categories.

"We're happy to support the HVAC program at Elgin Community College," said Stacy Chupeyda, Grainger's Elgin Branch Manager. "We are committed to ECC and will continue offering our industry knowledge and expertise by conducting branch tours and participating in ECC labs."

The Grainger branch has been serving the Elgin community since 2007 and is committed to helping the communities in which its employees and customers live and work. For more information about Grainger's active participation in local communities everywhere, please go to www.grainger.com/community.

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Elgin Community College (ECC) is a comprehensive public community college, one of 48 statewide. ECC serves approximately 10,000 students per semester in credit classes while some 11,000 more rely on the college for non-credit classes and activities each year. Programs of study include university transfer, more than 155 career-oriented, occupational degrees and certificates, corporate and continuing education and a full complement of pre-collegiate courses. The average class size is less than 20, making one-to-one student/teacher relationships commonplace.

For more information about the HVACR program at ECC, contact the Business and Career Technologies Division at 847.214.7387.

Rapid Recovery Chosen for Refrigerant Abatement at Former Ford Plant in Hapeville, GA

Rapid Recovery, a refrigerant recovery company servicing the continental United States, recently completed the refrigerant abatement of a former Ford Assembly Plant located in Hapeville, Georgia.

The former site used for the assembly of the Ford Taurus and Mercury Sable was closed as part of a reorganization effort by Ford. The 122 acre site was sold to Jacoby Development Inc. The plant will be demolished and redeveloped. Winter Environmental contacted Rapid Recovery to remove the refrigerant from close to 500 refrigerated appliances located throughout the facility.

Suspended above the plant floor on catwalks were hundreds of electrical panels containing small self-contained air conditioning units. "It was quite a task to find all the individual units throughout the plant and then recover all the refrigerant from them," said Scott Dykstra with Rapid Recovery. In addition, the facility contained larger central air conditioning units, drinking fountains, window air conditioners and air dryers. Each of these refrigerated appliances must have the refrigerant

removed and documented by law. "Our customer is provided with all the necessary refrigerant documentation for the jobsite as well as our equipment and technician certifications," said Dykstra.

As part of their service, Rapid Recovery places stickers on each refrigerated appliance they recover. The required documentation is provided to their customer and entered into a database for future reference if necessary. Rapid Recovery offers refrigerant recovery and abatement nationwide through its franchise network. Their customer base includes refrigeration and air conditioning contractors, refrigeration wholesale distributors, demolition contractors, DOD, landfill administrators and in house service departments. They provide on-site refrigerant recovery solutions, including jobsite refrigerant recovery, recovery cylinder service, and refrigerant disposal and documentation services. Rapid Recovery can be contacted by phone toll free at 877.372.7732, by email at info@raprec.com or via their web site at www.raprec.com.