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Qualtek Manufacturing Announces New Tool and Die Journeyman

May 11, 2018, Colorado Springs, Colorado - Qualtek Manufacturing, Inc. www.qualtekmfg.com announces Matthew Struttmann successfully completed a four-year apprenticeship program and achieved certification as Tool and Die Journeyman. Qualtek provides the only U.S. Department of Labor Registered Apprenticeship Program in the state of Colorado. Struttmann received a certificate from Mike Williams, Tool and Die Manager at Qualtek who stated, "Matthew is our first Journeyman graduate and we could not be more proud of his achievements."

The DOL Registered Apprenticeship is a formal structured training program and has been in place at Qualtek since 2014. The four-year apprenticeship program combines 8,000 hours of on-the-job learning with the Tool and Die Manager and completion of over 675 hours of classroom instruction at Pikes Peak Community and Pueblo Community College. The Apprenticeship Program helps workers develop skills and enables Qualtek to innovate and adapt to meet the needs of the 21st century.

"We believe Matthew is an example for other young people who want to pursue careers in skilled trades. It is an opportunity to use their "college years" to gain valuable experience, avoid student debt, and set a course for a well-paid future in the advanced manufacturing industry," said Qualtek President Chris Fagnant. "Matthew is a highly skilled tool and die maker and our goal is to have him building dies here in Colorado Springs for a long time."

Qualtek is an active member of local and national trade associations that have influenced the application and effectiveness of its workforce development programs. Locally, Qualtek is a member of the Colorado Advanced Manufacturing Association (CAMA) <http://coloradomanufacturing.org/>, a nonprofit focused on the future of manufacturing by advancing process improvements, innovative technologies and workforce development. Nationally, Qualtek is a member of the Precision Metalforming Association, <http://www.pma.org/>, which provides resources for training and development specific to the stamping industry.

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Qualtek Manufacturing Inc. (www.qualtekmfg.com) manufactures high quality specialty metal parts by providing vertically integrated metal stamping, heat-treating, and finishing services at their Colorado Springs location. Qualtek Manufacturing is privately held and has been in operation for more than 50 years. The company holds ISO 9001:2008 and ISO 14001:2015 certifications and has been designated as Gold Leader in the Environmental Leadership Program (ELP) of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/environmental-leadership-program>.