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## **El Camino College Receives Prestigious National Science Foundation Grant**

El Camino College recently received a three-year grant from the National Science Foundation to develop education and training curriculum for the aerospace manufacturing field.

"The aerospace industry is critical to the health of our economy and there is a shortage of technicians and engineers with the skills needed to fill those jobs," said Ron Way, dean of El Camino College's Industry and Technology Division and principal investigator for the grant. "This project will help colleges and universities prepare the aerospace workforce of tomorrow."

Funds from the grant will be used to create the groundwork for the program, covering research by faculty who will gather information on specific work happening in today's manufacturing industry.

Faculty will then use the data to draft work plans for several courses. Working with the Society of Manufacturing Engineers, a process for awarding nationally recognized certificates will be created.

El Camino College will work with partner institutions: Purdue University, Wichita Area Technical College, and the Oregon Institute of Technology, which are also involved with this grant.

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