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Hypertherm Welcomes Students for Job Shadow Day

HANOVER, N.H.—March 25, 2009—Hypertherm, the world leader in plasma arc metal cutting technology, is proud to once again welcome students to its Upper Valley headquarters for Job Shadow Day.

The program, coordinated by The Upper Valley Business and Education Partnership (UVBEP), gives students an opportunity to observe a workplace as their hosts go through a normal day on the job. More than 650 students will take part in this year's event, scheduled to take place today. Thanks to a grant from the Vermont Department of Labor, UVBEP was able to include five more schools this year, bringing the total number of participating schools to 12.

The idea behind such a program is that it helps teenage students better understand how to apply skills learned in the classroom to the real world. In addition, it provides insight on careers the students might want to pursue in the future.

Hypertherm is one of nearly 160 Upper Valley employers taking part in this year's program. Students will get to tour the facility, participate in hands-on activities, and see a plasma cutting system in action.

UVBEP is a nonprofit organization serving 31 schools in the greater Upper Valley region of New Hampshire and Vermont. The Partnership facilitates programs that link schools with local employers, including experiential learning and career planning projects for students and professional development activities for educators. To learn more, call UVBEP at 603-643-3431 x2901 or email info@uvbep.org.

Hypertherm designs and manufactures the world's most advanced plasma cutting systems for use in a variety of industries such as shipbuilding, manufacturing, and automotive repair. Its product line includes handheld and mechanized plasma systems and consumables, as well as CNC motion and height controls. Hypertherm systems are trusted for performance and reliability that results in increased productivity and profitability for tens of thousands of businesses. The New Hampshire based company's reputation for plasma innovation dates back 40 years, to 1968, with Hypertherm's invention of water injection plasma cutting. The company, consistently named one of the best places to work in America, has more than 1,000 associates along with operations and partner representation worldwide.

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