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Innovative Plumbing and HVAC Apprenticeships Launched in Northern Michigan

NORTHWEST LOWER, MI— Northwest Michigan Works! in a partnership with Precision Plumbing and Heating Systems, Inc., recently launched two innovative US Department of Labor registered apprenticeships for Plumbing and HVAC occupations.

Both programs include innovative virtual, interactive related technical instruction along with paid on the job learning, and guidance from professional mentors. Once complete, the apprentices will receive a National Journeyworker Credential for HVAC or Plumbing, along with Cengage Career Certificates of Completion. There are seven apprentices currently enrolled.

"Precision is very excited to enroll seven employees into the Precision Plumbing & Heating Tech Academy, a DOL-approved plumbing and HVAC Apprenticeship program," said Bob Roe, co-owner, Precision Plumbing and Heating Systems. "This comprehensive program is designed to create a well-trained technician who can independently service and install home plumbing & HVAC systems with confidence. Precision's goal is to provide this group of technicians with all the resources they need to be successful so they can enjoy long careers in this honorable industry. We are so proud of these young men and look forward to watching their journey unfold."

Registered apprenticeships are developed through a partnership with the U.S. Department of Labor and are a proven training method for employers to build a talent pipeline of highly skilled, educated employees. Registered apprenticeships are offered in over 1300 occupations and can be designed for any size or type of business.

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