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## **CHARTER MANUFACTURING OFFERING GEDWORKS™ PROGRAM TO NEW HIRES THROUGH PARTNERSHIP FREE PROGRAM HELPS EMPLOYEES EARN GED CREDENTIAL**

MEQUON, Wis.— GED Testing Service has partnered with Charter Manufacturing Company, Inc. to launch the GEDWorks program at Charter Manufacturing's facilities in Wisconsin, Ohio, Illinois, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, and Texas. GEDWorks is a free, all-inclusive program for Charter Manufacturing employees who want to earn their GED credentials. Charter Manufacturing, a family-owned metals manufacturing and metals-based engineered solutions business, will offer the program to newly-hired employees across its four businesses including the Charter Automotive LLC, Charter Dura-Bar, Inc, Charter Steel, and Charter Wire LLC, businesses.

Through this new partnership, Charter Manufacturing will open opportunities for employment to highly-qualified candidates that may have previously been ineligible for positions due to not having a high school diploma or GED credential at the time of hiring. Once hired, these employees will be enrolled in the GEDWorks program to help them obtain their credentials to continue to grow within Charter.

The GEDWorks program includes everything an employee needs to prepare for and pass the GED test. Employees are given access to a personal advisor, online GED study materials in English and Spanish, practice tests, and free GED tests. Personal advisors are a key component of the GEDWorks program. Advisors act as coaches and motivators, as well as hold students accountable for earning their GED credential. The GEDWorks program also gives students access to online tools that assist with college and career planning.

"I am excited to add the GEDWorks program to Charter's current development opportunities," said Angie Zeigler, Vice President – Talent Management for Charter Manufacturing. "The program supports our Success Formula, encouraging employees to learn and grow. And it will build confidence as they progress within our company."

The GEDWorks program is designed to meet the unique needs of working adults who aspire to earn their GED credential. GEDWorks participants are 39% more likely to earn their diplomas than students who study on their own.

“We’re excited to partner with Charter Manufacturing to offer the GEDWorks program,” said Vicki Greene, President of GED Testing Service. “Employers like Charter Manufacturing understand the long-term impact earning a high school credential can have for an employee, their family, and their entire community.”

Charter Manufacturing has a list of available positions that are eligible for the GEDWorks program [here](#). More information about the GEDWorks program is available at [GEDWorks.com](http://GEDWorks.com).

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### **About Charter Manufacturing**

Charter Manufacturing is a family-owned metals manufacturing and metals-based engineered solutions business founded in 1936. Headquartered in Mequon, Wis., the company employs more than 2,000 across its Corporate location and four businesses – Charter Automotive, Charter Dura-Bar, Charter Steel and Charter Wire. The “Will to Grow” drives Charter's success, with dedicated employees committed to continuous improvement and an entrepreneurial spirit that thrives within the Charter family.

### **About GED Testing Service/ GEDWorks™**

The GED test has opened doors to better jobs and college programs for more than 20 million graduates since 1942. The GED test is accepted by virtually all U.S. colleges and employers. As the creator of the one official GED test, GED Testing Service has a responsibility to ensure that the program continues to be a reliable and valuable pathway to a better life for the millions of adults without a high school diploma. GED Testing Service is a joint venture between the American Council on Education and Pearson.