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Media Advisory

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INDIANAPOLIS – Governor Eric J. Holcomb will join the Indiana Department of Correction and their partners, Ivy Tech Community College, to celebrate graduating cohorts of female offenders who have earned their industry-recognized National Institute for Metalworking Skills (NIMS) certification, National Society of Welding (NSW), or Manufacturing Skills Standards Certification (MSSC) at the Madison Correctional Facility at 1 p.m. ET, Thursday, August 9, 2018.

Media is welcome to attend but **must arrive by 12:15 p.m. ET** for screening and **must RSVP** by 5 p.m. ET on Aug. 8 to Margaux Auxier at MAuxier@idoc.in.gov.

WHAT: Manufacturing Skills Certification Graduation

WHO: Governor Eric J. Holcomb
President Sue Ellspermann, Ivy Tech Community College
Commissioner Rob Carter, Indiana Department of Correction
Brittany Young, Student Speaker

WHEN: 1 p.m. ET, Thursday, August 9, 2018

WHERE: Madison Correctional Facility
808 Bus Stop Dr.
Madison, IN 47250

Facility Entry/Exit: The Manufacturing Skills Certification Graduation is taking place in a secured prison environment, the Madison Correctional Facility. Details on approved items for the event can be found at: <https://www.in.gov/idoc/3515.htm>

Background

As a part of Gov. Holcomb's 2018 Next Level Agenda, this program trains women at the Madison Correctional Facility with the goal of aligning their skills with gainful employment upon release. These graduates have qualified for work-release and will be placed in area employers. Employers interested in hiring graduates are especially welcome to attend the ceremony. Learn more about manufacturing certifications at www.ivytech.edu/machine-tool-technology/.