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COLLINS INDUSTRIES EMPLOYEES TAKE ADVANTAGE OF COMPANY'S EDUCATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

As a mutual benefit to employees and the company, Collins Industries encourages its fulltime employees to further their education and continue to gain new skills and knowledge through their Education Assistance Program.

This program was implemented in 1980 and since that time has helped cover education costs associated with obtaining GED, Technical Diploma, Certifications, Citizenship and College or University Degrees.

“About 30 - 40 employees take advantage of this program each year in one way or another,” stated John Dreasher, V.P. of Human Resources for Collins Industries. “We have active participants at all of our subsidiaries, which include Capacity of Texas, our terminal tractor manufacturing facility in Longview, TX, Wheeled Coach Industries, our ambulance manufacturing facility in Winter Park, FL, and Collins Bus Corporation in South Hutchinson, KS,” Dreasher continued.

Recently, Collins Bus employee Jose Garcia received his citizenship. Here on a resident visa, Jose has been employed with Collins since 1989. On March 20th, he completed his naturalization process and became a U.S. Citizen. He was the first employee to take advantage of the company’s financial assistance program for gaining citizenship.

During a recent visit to the Collins Bus facility, Jose was presented a U.S. flag from Congressman Jerry Moran.

Collins Industries, Inc., a subsidiary of BNS Holding, Inc., is a leading manufacturer of ambulances (including medical attack vehicles, rescue vehicles and fire emergency vehicles), North America's largest producer of Type "A" small school buses, the nation's second largest manufacturer of terminal trucks and a leader in the road construction and industrial sweeper markets. Collins Industries, Inc. sells its products throughout North America and abroad.

