



Abso managers practice project management skills

Abso Refines Project Management

Abso (www.abso.com) delivers fully integrated highly automated talent management and background screening services to businesses of all sizes via the web. Based in Roseville, the fast growing company of 128 employees has added new products for applicant tracking that require project management and on-going follow-up, explained LeAnn Filbrun, Abso's Training Manager.

"With teams of people working on projects, Abso needed a consistent system of tracking tasks, assignments, deadlines and completions, and training to use the project management system effectively," said Filbrun.

Managers reported that the Sierra College training was very relevant to their work: "Similar terminology and communication got all the team members on the same page" and "I appreciated the instructor's knowledge and use of relevant examples."

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Software Training Customized

Thomson Grass Valley (www.thomsongrassvalley.com) recently engaged Sierra College's Training & Development to train employees in using Microsoft® Excel® spreadsheet software more efficiently. The company develops video and film technologies, products and services sold to all major Hollywood studios, all major television, satellite, and cable broadcasters under the Grass Valley brand-name for the delivery of analog and digital entertainment.

The training was well received according to Diane Masegian, Customer Service/Training Coordinator. "The training was excellent and I am already hearing that others want to take the course," said Masegian.

Instructor RoseMary Monroe customized the training to meet Thomson Grass Valley's needs. "RoseMary is a great instructor," said Masegian. "She knows her stuff and she was so accommodating."

Train Your Employees On-site

Increase productivity, improve communication and build your bottom line with better trained employees. Sierra College Training and Development, and the Center for Applied Competitive Technologies (CACT) provide customized, on-site training for employers. To learn more, call Carol Pepper-Kittredge at (916) 781-6288 or go to www.sierracollegegetraining.com.





Soldering Training Updates 2Wire Team

2Wire (www.2Wire.com) provides global telecom carriers with broadband service platforms that enable an integrated triple play of networked data, voice and media services. With its corporate headquarters in San Jose, 2Wire also has nearly 50 employees based at its research and development facility in Nevada City.

According to Lance Kesner, manager of engineering labs and technician services, 2Wire sought out Sierra College CACT to provide state-of-the-art IPC 610 Standard RoHS compliant soldering training. "2Wire has a proud history of staying at the forefront of technological trends, and the Sierra College soldering training was a great way to enhance our team's skills," said Kesner.

"Sierra College was extremely flexible, the course material was very relevant to our business, and the instructor fine-tuned the training based on our needs. On the whole, the training course was very well done," said Kesner.

Solid Modeling and Rapid Prototype Demonstrations

The CACT can bring our solid modeling and rapid prototyping equipment to your work site for a no-cost demonstration of new manufacturing technologies. Solid modeling, coupled with usable parts made on the 3D printer, can reduce lead times and development costs. Call (916) 781-6288.

Kikkoman Conducts Tour



The Kikkoman processing plant in Folsom provided a tour to Sierra College representatives including (L to R) Carol Pepper-Kittredge, Director, Center for Applied Competitive Technologies (CACT); Mike Robinson, Professor, CIE; and Indria Gillespie, Director, Small Business Development Center; with Becky, Kikkoman guide on the right.



Grant to Train Students in Manufacturing

The CACT won a \$250,000 grant from the California Community College Chancellor's Office to establish a new Computer Numerical Controlled machining program at Lincoln High School. Students will develop a series of technical skills needed for positions such as machinist, CNC operator and production supervisor. In addition, curriculum will feed into the Sierra College degree and certificate programs in Mechatronics and Engineering Support Technology. For more information, call Carol Pepper-Kittredge at (916) 781-6288.

Online Resources

Industry Week

(www.industryweek.com) is a free online newsletter that offers news, information on trends, analysis and research for manufacturers. Other features include webinars, interactive forums and blogs.

Make Magazine

(www.makezine.com/magazine/) is devoted to technology Do-it-yourself, with innovation and entrepreneurship as a primary focus. The magazine also holds **Makers Faires**, two-day family oriented events that feature **workshops, interactive performances and opportunities to build fun projects.**