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Century Hosts Afton Transportation Center Grand Opening Saturday, Sept 26

Responding to the pressing need for additional truck drivers in Minnesota and the nation as a whole, Century College will host the grand opening of its new Transportation Training Center in Afton on **Saturday, Sept. 26, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** A short program begins at 10:45 a.m.

Century's new training center at 14386 Hudson Rd. South (off of I-94 and Manning Ave. in Afton) will provide students with truck-driver training and assist with job leads so that within about 30 days, people can register for training, complete training and obtain a job. Entry-level drivers earn about \$45,000 per year.

Century's new center is about 10,000 square feet and has enough space to serve about 75 students in the classrooms. The driver-training track is about a half mile from one end to the other.

The current national shortage of truck drivers is expected to last through the year 2016. Many current drivers are expected to retire in the next few years. Almost every consumable good in America spends time on a truck and transporting these goods is critical to the American way of life.

Prospective students are welcome to attend the grand opening celebration to learn about job opportunities, tour the training center, visit with company representatives and view the latest rigs and equipment.

Families are encouraged to attend to enjoy free music, food, fun and prizes. Music will be provided by K102 and lunch will be catered by Famous Dave's. Inflatable jumping games will be available for kids.

Those who attend the grand opening will have the opportunity to win a commercial truck-driving scholarship valued at \$3,800, plus other great prizes.

For more information, please visit century.edu or call 651-779-3341.