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The Material Handling Distribution Association (MHEDA) is pleased to announce that it has formed a partnership with the Manufacturing Skill Standards Council (MSSC) to develop and market a nationally portable, hands-on MSSC Certified Forklift Technician (CFT) training and assessment program for technicians who maintain and repair forklift vehicles. Members of MHEDA, a network of over 624 material handling distributors and manufacturers that have openings, will give preference to job applicants who have a MSSC CFT certification.

An industry led non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, MSSC is the national leader in training and certifying individuals with the core technical competencies need to perform front-line work in advanced manufacturing and distribution-logistics. Now institutionalized, MSSC delivers its services through a network of some 1700 MSSC-authorized test sites and 2700 MSSC-authorized Instructors, and 72 representatives in all 50 states.

MHEDA is a national 501(c)(6) trade association comprised of distributor and manufacturer companies that sell, service, install and manufacture all types of material handling equipment that serve the warehousing and distribution markets.

MHEDA and MSSC have collaborated on all aspects of this CFT program: nationally validated skill standards, computer-simulation based eLearning developed by Amatrol, instructor training, hands-on testing at a dealership or qualified community college, and credentials.

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