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## Hussmann Tackles Industry-Wide Technician Shortage with TechX Program

***New technician training program at Lincoln Tech will prepare graduates for careers with Hussmann locations nationwide***

**BRIDGETON, MO – MAY 15, 2018** – Hussmann Corporation, a Panasonic company, announced it is launching TechX, a new high-level training program with Lincoln Educational Services Corporation. Starting in May 2018, students will have the opportunity to train for Hussmann careers in the inaugural Advanced Refrigeration Training Center at Lincoln Tech’s Grand Prairie, TX campus. With an industry-wide shortage of technicians, and almost 60,000 HVAC/R (Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration) positions projected to open in the United States [in the next six years](#), Hussmann envisions a bright outcome from the TechX program: Being able to more readily identify and hire the right candidates for the Hussmann Services team.

Donna Ward, Director of Human Resources at Hussmann, says there is a continuous need for trained, experienced HVAC/R technicians across the country. There are a variety of levels of opportunity for anyone desiring to build a career in the industry.

“The refrigeration industry is booming,” agrees Elisha Bailez, Project Manager at Hussmann. “We’re constantly on the lookout for technicians who love to work with their hands and learn something new every day. That’s why this new TechX program is so exciting. Graduates of the TechX program reduce three years of on-the-job training by adding this 8 week post graduate training, propelling their career advancement opportunities in the HVAC/R industry - and with Hussmann.”

Ward says many Hussmann field technicians have stayed with the company for more than 30 years. In fact, several employees are second and third-generation family members. “We’re known for our stable organization that promotes from within and supports our employees’ learning and growth,” says Ward.

“With Hussmann, HVAC/R technicians have the chance to perform work that really matters,” adds Ashley Turner, Vice President of Branch Operations at Hussmann. “You’re providing a valuable service that customers can’t find anywhere else - climate control and food safety - and you’re doing it at a level of excellence that’s associated with the Hussmann name.”

Hussmann’s decision to formalize the partnership with Lincoln Tech comes from the tech school’s “culture of growth” and its desire to recharge the HVAC/R industry. The training program will initially be available to graduates of Lincoln Tech’s HVAC/R schools, but could potentially accept other types of applicants. Hussmann will sponsor the students accepted by covering tuition, room and board. Successful graduates of the program will be placed within Hussmann’s services division.

“We’re grateful to Hussmann for not only agreeing to sponsor the students that will train at Lincoln Tech, but also for supplying the necessary equipment and serving as a model industry partner,” says Scott Shaw, President and CEO of Lincoln Tech.

The first eight-week training class is scheduled to begin at Lincoln Tech’s Grand Prairie campus in May 2018. Three more classes are slated for later in 2018.

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## **About Hussmann Corporation**

Hussmann Corporation is an innovation and technology leader providing products and services that enable excellence in the food retail industry. Grounded in a history of industry-changing, innovative refrigerated merchandisers and refrigeration systems, today we provide a broad array of solutions for merchandising / shopper engagement, refrigeration, asset optimization, and supply chain management that address the critical needs of food retailers to increase sales, reduce costs, and increase shopper loyalty. We collaborate with customers across a variety of food retail segments including supermarkets, convenience stores, drug stores and dollar stores as we work towards our vision to positively impact the lives of consumers by transforming the future of food retailing. For more information about Hussmann, please visit [www.hussmann.com](http://www.hussmann.com).

## **About Lincoln Educational Services Corporation**

Lincoln Educational Services Corporation is a leading provider of diversified career-oriented post-secondary education. Lincoln offers recent high school graduates and working adults career-oriented programs in five principal areas of study: automotive technology, health sciences, skilled trades, business and information technology, and hospitality services. Lincoln has provided the workforce with skilled technicians since its inception in 1946.

Lincoln currently operates 23 campuses in 14 states under four brands: Lincoln Technical Institute, Lincoln College of Technology, Euphoria Institute of Beauty Arts and Sciences, and Lincoln College of New England. Lincoln also operates Lincoln Culinary Institute in the state of Connecticut. For more information, go to [lincolntech.edu](http://lincolntech.edu).

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