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Hitachi Metals awards grant to CAREERS for People with Disabilities

Valhalla, New York, April 1, 2013 – CAREERS for People with Disabilities has been awarded a \$6,000 grant from Hitachi Metals America Ltd., to support our Workforce Readiness, Placement and Training Program.

Specifically designed to provide disabled individuals the skills necessary to interview for, obtain and maintain employment, our Workforce Readiness program also teaches the financial skills necessary for self-sufficiency. Along with the classroom training, our Employment Specialists work individually with each client to develop job leads and go on interviews. Even after a client secures a job, they continue to work with their Employment Specialist for on-the-job training and long-term support to assure success.

"Hitachi Metals has been a valuable supporter of CAREERS. Their ongoing assistance helps us to provide our services free of charge to disabled individuals," said Tina Cornish-Lauria, Executive Director. "Hitachi appreciates the success we are able to achieve with our special one-one relationship with each client and employer. This ensures ongoing success in the workplace, and helps those with disabilities become self-reliant, confident, contributing members of the community."

Since 1987, CAREERS has made over 2,100 job placements and provided support services to well over 6,000 people with disabilities in Westchester and Putnam Counties. CAREERS' mission is to insure that all disabled individuals find sustained, meaningful employment in the communities in which they live.

For more information on CAREERS programs for disabled individuals or employers in need of qualified help, contact CAREERS' Valhalla office, which serves central and lower Westchester at 914-741-8500, or the Carmel office, which serves northern Westchester and Putnam Counties, at 845-225-8007. For more information, please visit <u>www.careersforpeoplewithdisabilities.org</u>, or friend us on Facebook at http://www.facebook.com/CAREERSforPeople.