## ATS SkillPoint Study Reveals Manufacturing Maintenance Training Correlates to Increased Performance and Provides Up to 120+% ROI

**PEORIA**, **IL** (**July 12**, **2016**) – Advanced Technology Services, Inc. (ATS), the single source for optimizing assets enterprise-wide through manufacturing maintenance, industrial parts repair and world-class IT managed solutions, today announced the results of their technical maintenance training study. Results indicated that optimized maintenance training is "very relevant" to achieving operational excellence and can generate a ROI as high as 127%.

The results also showed maintenance technical training was relevant to improvements in areas such as proactive maintenance, Mean Time to Repair (MTTR), internal promotions and employee retention.

"This study affirms our contention that technical training is key to the resurgence of manufacturing by counteracting the current skills gap," said Jeff Owens, CEO of Advanced Technology Services. "Training not only serves to attract top talent and provide a very strong retention factor, but also has a positive effect on manufacturing efficiency and productivity."

The intensive study, comprising 13 months of data from eFactoryPro, ATS' Computerized Maintenance Management System (CMMS), was based on the use of the ATS SkillPoint maintenance training solution within manufacturing facilities. The study included 67 manufacturing sites and 1,189 maintenance technicians.

The key findings of the study indicated that 40 hours of training per technician per year generated a 9.4% increase in proactive performance, a 17% increase in internal promotion, a 2.75-hour average decrease in MTTR, a 12.9 % increase in technician utilization, and a 1.0 percent increase in employee retention.

Advanced Technology Services, Inc. (ATS) introduced SkillPoint maintenance training to improve the effectiveness of their internal employees as well as provide training to external customers. The training solution includes instructor-led and hands-on simulation training that covers basic skills for maintenance technicians, including electrical theory, hydraulics, PLC and CNC maintenance.

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