



CCBC opens Transportation Training Center at Tradepoint Atlantic Center to offer new CDL training starting late fall

Baltimore County, Md. – (November 16, 2020) – Community College of Baltimore County, in conjunction with the CCBC Foundation, is proud to announce the opening of a new Transportation Training Center at Tradepoint Atlantic. As part of this new center, CCBC will offer Commercial Driver's License (CDL) training with an expansive new driving range, a welcomed addition to the college's Transportation, Distribution and Logistics Institute.

CCBC's Transportation Training Center fits well within Tradepoint Atlantic's plan for industrial growth within Baltimore County and the region. As a world-class 3,300-acre site for multi-modal transportation, distribution, logistics and ancillary businesses, Tradepoint Atlantic provides CCBC with the perfect opportunity to offer training in areas that complement its Transportation, Distribution and Logistics Institute. Additionally, with Baltimore County being home to the third highest number of Transportation, Distribution and Logistic employers in Maryland, CCBC can create a pipeline of workers trained to meet the county's in-demand jobs.

"Tradepoint Atlantic is a world-class logistics and transportation hub and the need for a highly-skilled, trained workforce has never been more important than it is today," said Aaron Tomarchio, Tradepoint Atlantic's Senior Vice President of Corporate Affairs. "CCBC's commitment to providing this training on site will allow our local workforce access to promising career opportunities in this growing field, and qualified workers for our growing employer base. We are thrilled to have been able to partner with CCBC and are excited to officially have them provide training on Tradepoint Atlantic's campus."

"As we continue our economic recovery, Baltimore County will continue investing in our people, creating stronger pathways to opportunity. Combining CCBC's innovative approach to workforce development and Tradepoint Atlantic's role as regional economic growth engine is a perfect fit," said Baltimore County Executive Johnny Olszewski. "Through this exciting public-private partnership, we will build a steady pipeline to one of the nation's fastest growing job sectors and expand Baltimore County's efforts to support the economy of the future."

CCBC begins CDL training at Tradepoint Atlantic in early December. Students have the opportunity to earn a Commercial Driver's Class-A License in a 280-hour training program that will run 8 to 20 weeks with day, evening and weekend options. To apply, students must be 18 years-old, have a valid driver's license and pass a Department of Transportation physical and drug screening. A combination of in-class and behind-the-wheel instruction will occur on-site. Upon completion, students are prepared to take the Maryland Commercial Driver's License exam.

On average, tractor-trailer operators in Maryland earn approximately \$48,000 annually. It's an industry expecting to see 4 – 6 percent in job growth through 2028. Additionally, the Baltimore-Towson labor market area recently listed nearly 1,900 job postings in heavy and light truck driving.

“Having our Transportation Training Center located at Tradepoint Atlantic provides us unparalleled access to land, water and rail, crucial for offering education and training associated with the planning, management and movement of people and goods,” said CCBC President Sandra Kurtinitis. “We are pleased that this partnership has finally come to fruition. It gives CCBC the opportunity to expand its ability to offer workforce training in areas that not only provide well-paying jobs but establish solid careers.”

CCBC plans to expand programmatic offerings at its Training Center to include specialized heavy truck, medium truck, powered industrial truck and related technician and front-line worker training.

For more information about CCBC's CDL training, contact Stacy Igo at sigo@ccbcmd.edu or call 443-840-4878. Opportunities for financial aid are also available.

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About the Community College of Baltimore County (www.ccbcmd.edu)

Since 1957, CCBC has opened the doors to accessible, affordable, high-quality education empowering generations of area residents to transform their lives and the lives of others. Each year, nearly 60,000 students enroll at the college's main campuses, extension centers and online to make their starts, earn degrees, and launch and build careers. CCBC offers the region's most expansive selection of degree, certificate and workplace certification programs that prepare students for transfer, job entry and career advancement in such industries as business, education, health care, information technology, cybersecurity, construction and transportation. CCBC is nationally recognized as a leader in innovative learning strategies, among the nation's top associate degree producers, and named the Best Community College in Maryland 2020 by *The Maryland Daily Record*.

CCBC is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, 3624 Market Street, 2nd Floor West, Philadelphia, PA 19104 (267-284-5000). The Middle States Commission on Higher Education is an institutional accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation.

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About Tradepoint Atlantic

The 3,300-acre multimodal logistics and industrial center in Baltimore, Maryland, offers a gateway to U.S. domestic and global markets, featuring an unmatched combination of access to deep water berths, rails and highways. At Tradepoint Atlantic, industry is set in motion with the financial backing of investment firms including Redwood Capital Investments and Hilco Global, as well as the robust support of local and state government which enable the redevelopment of the site. At full buildout, Tradepoint Atlantic is projected to generate 11,000 permanent jobs, \$2.9 billion in annual economic impact, and add a point to Maryland's gross domestic product as one of North America's most strategic commercial gateways. From here, world-class companies unleash their potential, jobs are created, communities prosper, and industry is set in motion. For more information visit www.tradepointatlantic.com.