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MARINETTE, Wisconsin December 2, 2011 – Students from local high schools participated in a careers focus group held at Marinette Marine Corporation (MMC) on Thursday, December 1st. The purpose of the focus group was to create a dialogue on career paths for young people and discuss what might motivate future members of the workforce to pursue employment avenues in the shipbuilding industry. MMC expects to hire 35 additional employees per month, doubling its workforce to approximately 1400 employees, over the next two years to meet the demand of the company's contract to build the U.S. Navy Littoral Combat Ship.

The group toured the shipyard, had lunch, and participated in a robust roundtable discussion where they reviewed materials and video storyboards related to shipyard operations and recruiting. MMC's Vice President of Manufacturing, Duane Roehm, was impressed with the exchanges, commenting: "These bright and engaging young people asked great questions and had many good ideas. Our meeting was very beneficial and we plan to hold additional focus groups in the future," said Roehm.

Local schools represented were Bay Port High School, Oconto Falls Public Schools, Menominee High School, Delta Schoolcraft ISD, and Marinette High School.

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About Marinette Marine Corporation

Marinette Marine Corporation, a Fincantieri company, with its shipyard facilities in Marinette, WI, is a leading shipbuilder serving government, military, and commercial customers throughout the maritime industry since 1942. Current MMC programs include the construction of the U.S. Navy Littoral Combat Ship (LCS), a high-speed, leading-edge technology ship; the University of Alaska's Regional Research Vessel (ARRV); and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Fisheries Survey Vessel-6. MMC is owned by Fincantieri Marine Group (FMG), a subsidiary of Fincantieri-Cantieri Navali Italiani S.p.A.

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