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## **Griffin Electric forms partnership with Wentworth Institute of Tech.**

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Holliston, MA Wayne J. Griffin Electric, Inc. (Griffin Electric) has formed a partnership with Wentworth Institute of Technology (Wentworth) to offer graduates of its in-house Apprenticeship Training Program the opportunity to pursue an Associate of Applied Science degree in Engineering and Technology (AENT). With both organizations sharing values aligned towards giving students the best in education and training, Griffin Electric and Wentworth have developed a program that will incorporate technical skills and hands-on, practical education for future leaders within the electrical industry.

Wentworth has long been an innovator in engineering, technology, design, and management education. Most recently, the school has introduced new undergraduate and graduate programs to support the needs of students and shifts in the trade industries. Identifying and creating new opportunities for learning is a long-standing priority of the institution and encourages collaboration across disciplines.

For 25 years, apprenticeship training and professional development for employees have been at the core of Griffin Electric's mission. The company has operated its own in-house accredited Apprenticeship Training Program consisting of 600-hours of classroom instruction, coupled with 8,000-hours of on-the-job field experience for its electrical and telecommunications students. At the conclusion of this four-year program, apprentices are prepared to test for their license and attain full credentials to work as electricians on projects within varying industries throughout New England and the Southeast.

For both Wentworth and Griffin Electric, this partnership presents a rewarding opportunity to share curriculum, deliver in-house training to Griffin employees, and assist them in the goal of pursuing a higher education. Eligible men and women who have completed Griffin's program and achieved licensure will be awarded college credits towards an Associate's degree at Wentworth. Griffin Electric employees enrolled in the AENT program will also be granted access to Wentworth's resources as registered students, providing them an additional avenue through which to further their professional development and work towards achieving their education and career goals.

This is an exciting new opportunity for both Griffin Electric and Wentworth. Griffin's philosophy of continuous improvement, coupled with Wentworth's efforts to combine academics and learning through experience to help students gain additional knowledge, put what they've learned into practice, and graduate with the know-how needed to be successful in their careers, should make for

a mutually beneficial partnership.

In the electrical contracting business since 1978, Wayne J. Griffin Electric, Inc. proudly celebrates its 40th anniversary in 2018. Headquartered in Holliston, MA, the company also has regional offices in Pelham, AL, Duluth, GA, Charlotte, NC and Raleigh-Durham, NC. ENR (Engineering News-Record) ranked Griffin Electric 23rd in its 2017 listing of the top 50 national electrical contractors and 1st in the state of Massachusetts. The company employs approximately 1400 individuals.

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