**Survey reveals 800 jobs available for Ukrainian refugees**

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*March 22, 2022, Cambridge, Ont.—* To assist with the exodus of refugees from Ukraine who are attempting to relocate to Canada, the Canadian Tooling & Machining Association (CTMA) facilitated a survey to identify member companies willing to provide temporary or permanent employment, and other humanitarian assistance, immediately.

More than 60 member companies completed the survey, resulting in close to 800 available jobs in the precision metalworking industry for refugees. Most of the positions available are in high paying, permanent, skilled jobs.

"The responses received reinforce the Canadian values of offering to help and assist people in their time of need," said Ray Buxton, government relations committee chair. "Some of the offers were stunning. While many companies offered to provide accommodation or assist with housing; one respondent stated, 'I personally could accommodate one family in my house.'"

Acknowledging the language barrier, companies are willing to hire a translator or work with services provided to ensure that this issue can be solved. Many companies noted they have employees who speak Ukrainian.

The geographical area of these positions are mainly within southern Ontario, ranging from Windsor to Niagara to Toronto.

The CTMA would like to thank respondents for their quick reply to this survey. Data collected has been sent to Provincial and Federal Government contacts, including the Hon. Monte McNaughton, Minister of Labour, Training & Skills development.

The survey was conducted by the CTMA from March 7 to 14, 2022, in cooperation with the Canadian Association of Moldmakers (CAMM), Automate Canada, and the Niagara Industrial Association (NIA).

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**About the CTMA**

The Canadian Tooling & Machining Association (CTMA) was established in 1963 by uniting various trade associations into one strong organization that represented the “Tooling Industry” in Canada. The CTMA represents, supports, and promotes the interests of the Canadian tooling and precision metalworking industries. As of 2022, the CTMA represents more than 170 member companies.

Within the organization, there are active chapters in Windsor, Toronto, and Western Ontario. Chapters meet on a regular basis and provide learning and networking opportunities for members.

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