

## NEWS RELEASE

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### IPS CRANES PARTNERS WITH SCHOOLS DURING MANUFACTURING MONTH

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**St. Paul, Minn.** — IPS CRANES, a St. Paul-based custom crane manufacturer, builds partnerships with schools and the community during Minnesota Manufacturing Month.

IPS CRANES participated in the 'Dream It. Do It. Minnesota Statewide Tour of Manufacturing' events by hosting tours of local high school students from Denfeld High School, Duluth, MN and Proctor High School, Proctor, MN. The tours allowed students a chance to learn about modern manufacturing and how STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) skills are put into practice in real world manufacturing jobs.

"I hope this can lead to many more collaborative efforts with our over 500 students in skilled trades and our local companies," said Bradley Vieths, Vocational Programs Coordinator for Duluth Public Schools and the Secondary Coordinator for the Lake Superior Carl Perkins Consortium.

Jackie O'Connell, President and CEO of IPS CRANES stated, "Partnering with the local schools is extremely important to the future of our company as it allows students the exposure to the careers in manufacturing at IPS CRANES. We are looking forward to further developing the partnerships with the local schools to inspire the next generation of skilled workers to support our future innovation and job growth."

IPS CRANES received a Certificate of Commendation from Governor Mark Dayton, in recognition of the contributions to the Minnesota economy and the commitment to making Minnesota a better place to live and work.

To further celebrate Minnesota Manufacturing, IPS CRANES presented their business story to the City of Vadnais Heights during a Council Meeting in October. Mayor Bob Fletcher presented IPS CRANES with a Proclamation designating October 6th as "Manufacturing Day" in Vadnais Heights.

#### **About IPS CRANES:**

Founded in 1988 in St. Paul, Minn., IPS CRANES is a premier custom crane manufacturer and a locomotive and crawler crane manufacturer, who prides itself on delivering innovative, sustainable crane solutions around the world. IPS CRANES is the exclusive manufacturer of OEM American and Ohio locomotive crane replacement parts as well as supplying American Hoist and Manitowoc crawler crane parts. IPS specializes in custom crane manufacturing, upgrades/repair/rebuild services, field service, technical support, crane evaluations, maintenance/operator training and a crane rental fleet. IPS CRANES acquired the American & Ohio Locomotive Crane Company in May, 2017, making IPS CRANES the only OEM for American and Ohio locomotive cranes, and the industry's broadest and deepest range of crane manufacturing, services and resources. IPS CRANES operates a full-service repair, rebuild and manufacturing facility in Duluth, Minn. with Class 1 rail access. IPS CRANES continues to build a legacy of crane industry leadership. For more information, visit [www.ipscranes.com](http://www.ipscranes.com).