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THE DISTRIBUTION CENTERS OF TODAY REQUIRE HIGHLY TRAINED SUPPLY CHAIN TECHNICIANS

TO INSTALL, OPERATE, SUPPORT, UPGRADE AND/OR MAINTAIN THE AUTOMATED MATERIAL HANDLING EQUIPMENT AND SYSTEMS THAT SUPPORT THE SUPPLY CHAIN. THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR SUPPLY CHAIN AUTOMATION (SCA) WAS ESTABLISHED TO ASSIST COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGES OFFER TRAINING PROGRAMS TO PREPARE STUDENTS FOR EMPLOYMENT AS A SUPPLY CHAIN TECHNICIAN. THE OCCUPATION OF SUPPLY CHAIN TECHNICIAN IS ONE OF THE FASTEST GROWING IN THE U.S. IT IS PROJECTED THAT THERE WILL BE 770,000 JOB OPENINGS NATIONWIDE BETWEEN 2015 AND 2025. WAGES VARY BY LOCATION, BUT ADVANCED TECHNICIANS CAN EARN AS MUCH AS \$87,400 ANNUALLY. THROUGH ITS EFFORTS, THE SCA IS INCREASING THE NUMBER AND QUALITY OF TECHNICIANS IN THE SUPPLY CHAIN WORKFORCE. THIS IN TURN ENHANCES INDUSTRY PERFORMANCE, MAKES U.S. COMPANIES MORE COMPETITIVE IN THE GLOBAL MARKETPLACE AND SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVES THE NATIONAL ECONOMY AS A WHOLE.

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