

## PURPOSE OF THE AMT CONFERENCE

### BACKGROUND

AMT is a program which:

- Is innovative and very different from traditional 2-year technical programs in its design and execution.
- Is actively being developed, changed, and moved forward as a continuous improvement process.
- Is intended to produce the best maintenance technician graduates in the world to provide a competitive business impact to U.S. industry.
- Is a nationally-standardized effort in which all programs across all states both establish and sustain best practice together, to achieve program quality, and establish common practice and methods, to both support rapid program improvement and to achieve program efficiency.
- Is a program in which national practices and standards are driven by business and industry, and not by federal, state, or local government.
- Has four primary stakeholders: (1) AMT sponsoring companies (employers), who own and drive the program; (2) community college partners who offer the degree portion of the AMT program in partnership with the employers; (3) Toyota NAPSC, the program developer and common element to all programs; (4) AMT students, who are the product of the AMT program.

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- Provide **continuous program go-and-see benchmarking** so that all AMT Program stakeholders, especially the providers (employers/college partners) can fully see and grasp what the other programs are doing and achieving, so that they can both keep up and can themselves drive further improvement.
- Is **the key activity to keep AMT moving forward on a common path with common practices** and standards, because it is the one point where all AMT programs come together in-person.
- Is a **primary activity to further develop AMT students** to support achieving global-best outcome. It directly provides unique development to those AMTs selected to participate, and provides indirect development when those AMT's return home and share results and materials with all local AMT's.
- **Provides professional development** for those responsible for providing the AMT Program.
- **Provides program-specific forums, networking, and training**, to those responsible for providing the AMT Program.
- **Announces new initiatives and activities** in the AMT Program to facilitate continuous improvement and program.