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## **ED Committee Meets at Warren's Electrical Industry Training Center; Congressman Levin to Give Federal Update on Advanced Battery Technology**

**WHAT:** The Macomb County Economic Development Committee, Co-Chaired by Commissioners David Flynn and Jim Carabelli, holds its August meeting at the Detroit JATC - Electrical Industry Training Center.

On the agenda:

- Congressman Sander Levin gives a federal update on advanced battery technology
- A presentation from facility administrators about the 50,000 square-foot facility and its role in preparing the workforce of the future.
- A tour of the nationally acclaimed facility will follow the meeting
- The IBEW Local 58 Chevy Volt will be on site to demonstrate Level 2 charging, and for test rides/drives.

**WHEN:** 9 a.m., Thursday, August 18, 2011

**WHERE:** Electrical Industry Training Center, 2277 E. 11 Mile, Warren, 48092  
[www.poweringmichigansfuture.com](http://www.poweringmichigansfuture.com)  
Map: [www.merchantcircle.com/business/Electrical.Industry.Training.Center.586-751-6600/map](http://www.merchantcircle.com/business/Electrical.Industry.Training.Center.586-751-6600/map)

**WHO:** City, county and state officials are expected to attend, as well as representatives from the Macomb County Chamber, Macomb Community College and Oakland University, among others. The public is also invited.

**WHY:** The production of alternative energy sources, Electric Vehicles and advanced battery technology is emerging as a growing industry with the increased focus on clean energy jobs. The Recovery Act invested \$2.4 billion in advanced battery and electric vehicle projects -- this is the largest single investment in advanced battery technology anywhere, and Michigan companies received \$1.3 billion, or just over half the total amount of money available.

At its 50,000 square-foot facility, Macomb County's Detroit JATC-Electrical Industry Training Center provides apprenticeship and continuing education for electrical contractors and journeyman electricians. The center's apprenticeship programs range from three to five years, and incorporate an "earn while you learn" approach, combining 8,000 hours in the field with 1,000 in the classroom.

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