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### Bear River Region AM STEM wins 2018 Utah Excellence in Action Award

SALT LAKE CITY — The Utah State Board of Education Career and Technical Education (CTE) section announced that the Bear River Region is the winner of the 2018 Utah Excellence in Action award. The [AM STEM \(Automated Manufacturing STEM\)](#) program in Bear River Region was selected based on their uniquely inventive and effective approaches to stimulating student learning, offering extensive work-based learning experiences, maintaining strong partnerships with industry and community organizations, and preparing students for postsecondary and career success.

The AM STEM program represents the best CTE program in the state of Utah. While the program is unique, it offers a rigorous sequence of courses beginning with foundational skills to subject-matter, real-world hands-on experiences in the classroom led by dedicated educators, and meaningful work-based experiences facilitated by industry partners.

Bear River Region, in collaboration with industry partners, higher education, and secondary education, has created a career pipeline for high school students by offering a program that meets industry needs. Students involved in the program take courses at their high school that align with the

requirements found in industry. The AM STEM program combines coursework with work-based learning experiences to support student exploration and skill development.

The Bear River Region AM STEM program, in partnership with Bridgerland Technical College, is a cooperative effort involving industry, higher education, and secondary education. The program was created to develop local talent who would stay in the area and work for local industry. The program is now in its third year and has produced a greater number of employees working in all aspects of Automated Manufacturing. In 2017, 53 students completed the 900-hour program and received an AM STEM certificate.

On September 19, 2018, Bear River Region was honored at an awards ceremony for their Excellence in Action.

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Utah Career and Technical Education provides all students throughout the state access to high-quality, rigorous career-focused programs that result in attainment of credentials with labor market value. The structured training each secondary student receives gives him/her the tools needed to be successful in a career after high school and/or further his/her postsecondary education, whether technical school, two-year college, or four-year college.

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