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Siemens to start vocational training for 2,300 school graduates in the fall of 2010

All training positions filled – 28 by severely handicapped young people

With training programs for 10,000 apprentices and university students, Siemens is one of Germany's largest private educational institutions. This fall 2,300 school graduates will begin training at 40 different Siemens locations. Once again, all training positions at the company have been filled. "Qualified young people are our most important asset for the future. That's why we've made the fostering of young talent a top priority. We'd be very pleased if even more young women would apply. They have long since proven that they can pursue a successful technical profession," said Günther Hohlweg, head of Siemens' training programs. For the third year in a row, the company has provided 250 training positions nationwide for disadvantaged young people. At 28, the number of trainees with severe handicaps is higher than ever.

The high school graduates will begin their training at Siemens primarily in technical areas. The company offers training, for example, in electronics and mechatronics. These apprenticeships are supplemented by dual programs at selected universities that combine academic qualifications with practical experience. Siemens is currently cooperating with these universities to help educate a total of 2,300 students enrolled in internationally recognized bachelor's degree programs.

Siemens invests some €160 million a year in the education of young people. On average, there are about 40,000 applicants every year for the company's vocational training positions.

Applications for the 2011 training year are already being accepted at www.siemens.de/ausbildung.

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