

Press Release

US business delegation visits the BENTELER Training and Education Center in Paderborn

- **US delegation informs about the German education system and about adaptability to local needs.**
- **BENTELERs training and education system makes the company an employer of choice.**
- **BENTELER sets international standards in education and training.**

Paderborn, April 18, 2018: On April 16-17, a US delegation has been visiting the BENTELER Training and Education Center in Paderborn to learn more about the German dual education system. It also addressed the question of how to successfully adapt this model to local requirements in North America. With its education and training concept, BENTELER ensures to develop the best talents and the most experienced experts to remain successful in the long term.

The delegation from Indiana was comprised of business leaders, educators as well as government officials and elected legislators. In Paderborn, the group became familiar with the BENTELER Training and Education Center. In the course of the visit, delegation members got a first-hand view on the vocational training and engaged in a dialogue with their German colleagues.

Thomas Koch, Director of the BENTELER Training and Education Center in Paderborn, proudly explains: "With its training and further education model, BENTELER sets standards in order to prepare young talents and specialists for the requirements of tomorrow. We are happy to assist in adapting the system to local needs. We are very excited about the opportunity to explain this to our US visitors here."

BENTELER has been promoting local education and training opportunities based on the benchmark of the Training and Education Center in Paderborn. One milestone has been the establishment of the NAO Academy for the five BENTELER Automotive plants in the US. With the program, the company continues to invest in employee development and education. To ensure a culture of professional and personal growth, BENTELER offers its employees worldwide a variety of individual seminars and courses for all career levels.

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Colleague_Robot.jpg:

Colleague Robot: A trainee explains to the guests how they work hand in hand with so-called collaborative robots.

International_Standards.jpg:

The German BENTELER Training and Education Center sets international standards. Representatives of the US delegation were able to experience this first hand on two days in Paderborn.

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