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Overnight Transportation hiring 25 drivers

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WATERLOO --- A transportation company associated with the under-construction Ferguson Enterprises plumbing supply warehouse in Waterloo is mounting a hiring blitz for drivers.

Overnite Transportation Co. officials said they will hire 25 drivers for new business by mid-May and expect to need an additional 50 to 60 professional drivers later this year for new business out of Waterloo.

Roger Griggs, North Carolina-based manager of recruiting with Overnite, said the expansion comes from new business with Ferguson's facilities on Martin Luther King Jr. Drive in Waterloo's northeast industrial area.

Griggs said representatives from Overnite Special Services will be conducting interviews Monday through April 29 at the Hawkeye Community College Business and Industry Training facility located in Cedar Falls.

"We're really excited about our new operation. We think everything's going to be real successful in that area," Griggs said. "Everyone's just been extremely helpful," including HCC and Greater Cedar Valley Alliance staff.

He also said Overnite is impressed with HCC's truck driver training program, hopes to recruit students from there and will be making presentations to them.

Elora Kibler, service center manager for Overnite's Waterloo operation, said Overnite is a dedicated outbound carrier serving Ferguson and its facilities. Overnite's Waterloo operation will be housed inside the Ferguson site, scheduled to be open by mid-May. Her husband, Earl, will be driver manager for the Waterloo operation.

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