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Just use a standard domain user and create a new domain group that is placed into the local administrators group on the workstation. If you use restricted groups you can then modify the group membership to get users into and out of the local admin groups with minimal effort.

The gpo settings are at:

computer configuration \ windows settings \ restricted groups

group = your group to be made local admins

member of = BUILTIN\Administrators

<http://www.windowsecurity.com/articles/Using-Restricted-Groups.html>

<http://www.microsoft.com/technet/prodtechnol/windowsserver2003/library/TechRef/156780ef-eb36-4433-b3fe-1b1a>

http://www.microsoft.com/resources/documentation/windows/xp/all/proddocs/en-us/sag_scerestrictgroups.mspx

There is absolutely nothing that has to be done on the client side.

Create the gpo in the ou where the Computers reside (NOT the users), go to computer configuration/windows settings/security settings/restricted groups, right click on restricted groups and select new group (For the local computers, this group name should be – administrators) and key in the group you want auto populated. Select add on the Members of this group and then add the members you want populated.

To provide users the ability to add workstations Delegate the right to a group (The same group as in the restricted group used above?).

Create a new security group and provide it the ability to only join computers to the domain via the "Delegation of Control" wizard. Then join the user account to this new group.

<http://www.microsoft.com/technet/prodtechnol/windowsserver2003/technologies/activedirectory/stepbystep/ctrlwiz.ms>

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