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WV Council for Community and Technical College Education approves design of the Advantage Valley Advanced Technology Center.

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — WV Council for Community and Technical College Education approves the general design of the Advantage Valley Advanced Technology Center to be located at the WV Education, Research and Technology Park.

“Our colleges deliver a quality technical education creating the opportunity for graduates to pursue high-paying careers in West Virginia,” said Jim Skidmore, Chancellor of the WVCTCS. “This new facility will provide the flexibility and accessibility to deliver high level technical education programs that our workforce needs in order to attract new industry.”

The new 50,000 square foot facility will initially offer core classes in Mechatronics Technology, Information Technology, Chemical Process Technology, and Nanotechnology. Laboratories will be equipped and designed with maximum flexibility to allow for education and training for emerging technologies and to the changing needs of the region’s employers.

The new laboratory and classroom facilities were planned in collaboration with local industry to ensure students will be prepared to succeed in the workforce. The space will host a learning lab to encourage high school students to enter into technical programs. Likewise, sustainability was a major factor in construction planning to utilize the latest in green technologies to lower operation costs.

“It is great to see this project gain momentum, and come one step closer to completion,” said Bob Brown, Chair of the WV Council for Community and Technical College Education. “This facility will prove to be a great asset for the state to drive economic development.”

E. T. Boggess Architect, INC., in Princeton WV, and MBAJ Architecture INC., of North Carolina partnered to design the Advantage Valley Advanced Technology Center.

The WVCTCS, comprised of 10 institutions statewide, delivers affordable comprehensive community and technical college education in all regions of West Virginia. The WVCTCS graduates individuals prepared to meet the demands of employers, or succeed in subsequent education. Through cooperation with various community members, the WVCTCS strives to provide high-quality workforce development programs, and increase the college-going rate in West Virginia

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