

Progress Report

Brazos Valley Center for Applied Technology

Technology Center Mission:

To provide Technical Education/Skill Related training opportunities for the citizens of Brazos and surrounding counties that will meet the occupational needs of the businesses and industries represented in the identified service area.

Identified Target Industries:

- Construction
- Manufacturing
- Information Technology
- Service Industry
- Health Industry
- Bio-Technology
- Food Industry
- Financial Industry

Training Needs Analysis:

- Survey
 - o Brazos County
 - o Robertson County
 - o Grimes
- Personal Interviews
 - o Construction
 - o Service
 - o Automotive
 - o Education
 - o Mechanical
 - o Electrical
 - o Manufacturing
- Personal Interviews to be Conducted
 - o Financial Institutions
 - o Computer Related
 - o Retail Segment
 - o Health Industry

Resource Analysis (Blinn College):

- Financial
- Personnel - Staff
- Facilities
- Programs
- Curriculum
- Equipment
- Marketing
- Projected Trainees – First Year

Results of Analysis (Currently Available):

- Financial - Limited funds
- Personnel - Available
- Facilities - S.H. 60 (Not Adequate)
- Programs - Available
- Curriculum - Available
- Equipment - Partially Available
- Marketing – Available
- Projected Trainees (Est. 4,000 First Year)

Next Step:

- Identify Community Leaders and Support Group (Approximately 25-30)
- Conduct Business Forum to discuss Proposed Technology Center
- Formulate a Planning Document

Preliminary Recommendations:

- Start with an existing facility (first 3 to 5 years)
- Close S.H. 60 Facility
- Develop Long Range Plan for the Center
 - o Consider Charter School(Construction Funds)
- Set goal to be in new facilities, if feasible, in 5 to 7 years

Rationale:

- Will take advantage of existing resources
- Will allow adequate time to develop plans and resources
- Will permit programs to develop
- Will give time to develop a support base
- Will have a positive and immediate impact on the community