

GOLDEN TRIANGLE EMPOWERMENT CENTER:

“TOOLS FOR LEARNING, SKILLS FOR LIVING”

Proposal for Collaboration

West Orange-Cove ISD & Golden Triangle Empowerment Center

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- Golden Triangle Empowerment Center (GTEC) is a subsidiary of Digital Workforce Academy Inc (DWA), providing industry recognized innovative workforce training for in-demand industries in Southeast Texas.
- GTEC is geographically aligned to help industry partners meet SETX talent needs with two locations in Beaumont and Port Arthur.



Program Highlights:

- ❑ 2007 PAIG sponsored a GTEC pilot with Motiva maintenance and EPC contractor for expansion project
- ❑ 2016 Lamar University Center CICE awarded a contract to GTEC for their workforce development initiative
- ❑ 2016 GTEC became an accredited NCCER school and Assessment Center to offer training for 70 crafts
- ❑ 2017 Jefferson County Sheriff asked GTEC to expand our NCCER training in the County Jail
- ❑ 2018 GTEC signed an MOU with Lamar Institute of Technology (LIT)
- ❑ 2018 GTEC signed a contract with MRSW Management to provide paid Apprenticeship for students
- ❑ 2018 GTEC received funding from Rebuild Texas for training and finance to fund the staffing service
- ❑ 2018 GTEC becomes an approved Vocational Rehabilitation skills training provider (Voc Rehab)
- ❑ 2018 GTEC received a Self Sufficiency Grant from TWC
- ❑ 2017 and 2018 received grant from Greater Houston Partnership c/o Motiva
- ❑ 2018 GTEC is an approved Workforce Solutions training provider (WIOA)



- National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) is a standardized training and credentialing program for the various pathways within the construction industry with curricula for more than 70 craft areas and a complete series of more than 70 assessments.
- GTEC is an accredited training provider for NCCER and provides students with **NCCER certification**.



- Since our origin in Southeast Texas in 2007, GTEC has trained over **1,500** people from the local community.
- Our training has helped our participants learn both life and occupational skills while preparing them to perform at a high levels in the workplace that has far exceeded the expectations of our customers.



- West Orange-Cove CISD is the gateway to transforming the community by educating students via academics and vocational training.
- A collaboration with GTEC will provide an opportunity for families of students to establish career paths, economically improving their quality of life while allow the district to leverage its infrastructure to increase the workforce skills of Orange County residents.



Our Request for Collaboration

GTEC seeks to enter into a MOU agreement with WOCCISD with the following components:

- GTEC to develop onsite NCCER Accredited training for students participating in the CTE center at West Orange-Stark High School.
- GTEC to offer the same accredited classes to regular student population, parents and community members in the evenings and weekends.
- GTEC to setup an assessment testing center for participants to take their certification exams onsite upon the completion of courses.



How to Collaborate ?

- GTEC would interface with Engineering, Procurement, and Construction contractors to leverage funding and subject matter experts to assess, develop, and implement curriculum at the CTE center to help fill the labor force skill gaps in skilled labor.
- GTEC would work with our partners to develop a pathway to careers by developing the entry skills needed by trainees to be placed into an apprenticeship programs in the demand crafts of Welding, Pipefitting, and Electrical that lead to a journeyman status.



Funding Opportunities for WOCCISD

- The Texas Workforce Commission Office of Employer Initiatives, Jobs and Education for Texans Grant Program have a solicitation ISD's can apply to purchase and install equipment necessary for the development and improvement of career and technical education courses that lead to a license, certificate or post secondary degree in a high-demand occupation. This opportunity would be available for application in the 2020-2021 school year.
- We would like to coordinate the establishment of a College certification program trainees have the option to obtain a certification in Structural, Combination Welding, Associates Degree in welding, American Welding Society (AWS). The grant requirements require a sponsorship between ISD and college with an approved welding program. We have an agreement with Lamar Orange (LSCO), that will help satisfy grant requirements.
- We will also work with industry partners to assist in funding other in-demand pathway to career training that lead to craft certifications.



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QUESTIONS...?

