

# Clackamas Community College to break ground on new Industrial Technical Center

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The \$28 million project to be completed in spring 2018

Clackamas Community College will hold a groundbreaking ceremony for its newest building, the Industrial Technical Center (ITC), at 4 p.m. Thursday, April 6. The ITC will increase access to affordable education programs, allowing students training for family-wage jobs or transfer to four-year universities. The facility will host the manufacturing, renewable energy, machining and other in-demand career technical education programs.



RENDERING COURTESY: CCC - Clackamas Community College's Industrial Technical Center will include a new entry plaza to the campus.

The \$28 million project, which will be completed in spring 2018, is funded through a voter-approved bond as well as an \$8 million match from the state of Oregon. The 44,242-square-foot building will increase teaching, training and partner space, as well as have the flexibility to meet the changing training needs of regional partnership programs.

There will be large bays for machinery with classrooms and offices on the first and second floors, and there is an option to add another building to the east as programs expand and the college grows.

The project includes the redesign of the adjacent parking lot as well as a new entry plaza to the campus and improved pedestrian access through the parking

lot. Another site improvement will be better connection to the pedestrian path to Oregon City High School.

"Students at the ITC will learn from industry-knowledgeable instructors on modern equipment in a state-of-the art facility," said Cynthia Risan, CCC dean of technology, applied science and public services. "Upon completion of their study, our students will be fully trained and ready to work."

In conjunction with the groundbreaking of the ITC, the Beavercreek Employment Area Putting Education to Work campaign is launching.

The Oregon City Beavercreek Employment Area is more than 80 acres of industrial land next to CCC. Once developed, the area has the potential of creating 1,650 jobs with an estimated payroll of more than \$124 million.

"The Beavercreek Employment Area is poised to become a hub for Clackamas County's advanced manufacturing and advanced technology industry clusters. Businesses that locate adjacent to Clackamas Community College's modern training facility will benefit from a pipeline of skilled workers for their current and future demands," said Catherine Grubowski-Johnson, Clackamas County business and economic development manager.

A partnership between CCC, the city of Oregon City, Clackamas County and the Oregon City Chamber of Commerce, this campaign will promote the education and training resources at CCC to attract business and industry to Oregon City.

"Education, business and local government are actively engaged in a three-way, collaborative initiative to develop and market the Beavercreek Employment Area. This will become an economic game-changer because soon, manufacturing and technology will be able to relocate or expand operations onto property adjacent to modern education and training resources through Clackamas Community College's new Industrial Technical Center," said Amber Holveck, Oregon City Chamber of Commerce executive director.

Clackamas Community College provides a comprehensive business support network to connect businesses with the tools, staffing, training and resources they need to succeed. The college helps with customized recruitment, new-hire on-the-job training, business expansion strategies and counseling, downsizing or market change support services, and professional development and training solutions.

The public is invited to the groundbreaking ceremony, which will include guest speakers, music and light refreshments. There also will be booths for the Beavercreek Employment Area and CCC programs.

Come to the groundbreaking ceremony early to check out the college's current manufacturing space and to meet industry partner Gosiger, a machine tool distributor. CCC provides display and sales floor space to Gosiger for its large equipment and, in turn, CCC students get to train on the state-of-the-art machines. This open house will be in Barlow Hall from 3:30 to 4 p.m.

The ITC is one of several bond-funded projects at Clackamas Community College. Voters approved a \$90 million bond measure in November 2014 to expand opportunities for students and to increase the skilled work force in the community. Passage of the bond also resulted in CCC receiving \$16 million in state matching funds.

Upcoming bond projects on the Oregon City campus include the Pauling/DeJardin science complex, a new student services/community commons building and facilities and campus upgrades. Harmony West on the Harmony Community Campus is under construction with completion expected in the fall.

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