



BUILD A NEW CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION CENTER IN EAST LEE COUNTY

PROPOSAL

Request a specific appropriation project for \$2.5 million to create a new Career and Technical Education College (CTEC) Annex at a future location in Lee County. The funds will be used for architectural/design services, engineering plans and other costs associated with pre-construction to build an annex campus for Fort Myers Technical College (FMTC). Career clusters planned for the expanded campus include Transportation, Distribution and Logistics, Architecture and Construction, Health Science, Hospitality and Culinary Arts, and Manufacturing.

Present Situation and Rationale

- Cape Coral Technical College (CCTC) and Fort Myers Technical College (FMTC) are the only public technical colleges in a county of more than 788,000 residents. The schools' current program offerings focus on careers in healthcare, technology, business, hospitality, and traditional skilled trades ("blue collar") workforce training programs in our growing county. There are no technical colleges on the east side of Lee County.

Impact of Proposed Change

- The addition of a new technical college annex would allow for further training and certification of more than 250 skilled workers annually for high-demand careers in Automotive Service Technology; Marine Service Technologies; Practical Nursing; Medical Assisting; Nursing Assistant (Articulated); Welding Technology; Carpentry; Plumbing; Electricity; Major Appliance and Refrigeration Technician; Turbine Generator Maintenance, Inspection and Repair; HVAC/R; Solar Photovoltaic System Design, Installation and Maintenance; Aviation Airframe Mechanics, and Hospitality.

Historical Perspective

- FMTC opened in 1967. More than 25 years later, CCTC was built in 1993 on the west side of Lee County, and that campus is now scheduled for expansion. With more than 120,000 current residents, Lehigh Acres, along with other communities on east Lee County, have been growing steadily over the last 30 years, and a new Technical College Annex is needed.

Fiscal Impact

- This appropriation would allow for more of the District's Capital Funding to be focused on K-12 Capital Projects, which are significant after Hurricane Ian.

Statute Impacted

- F.S. 1011.80

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