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CONSTRUCTION BEGINS ON \$17 MILLION CAREER TECHNOLOGY CENTER

MONROE, Mich. – Construction officially began today on the new \$17 million Career Technology Center at Monroe County Community College.

Monroe native and WJR-AM (760) radio anchor Paul W. Smith hosted a special edition of his morning news and talk show live from the college and then served as master of ceremonies for the official groundbreaking for the 60,000-square foot facility, which took place in front of the construction site adjacent to the Life Sciences Building.

The Career Technology Center will provide infrastructure to support state-of-the-art classrooms and lab space required to deliver instruction and skills necessary to secure high-growth, high-demand and high-paying jobs, said MCCC President Dr. David Nixon.

“I am pleased to congratulate Monroe County Community College on the groundbreaking of their new Career Technology Center,” said U.S. Rep. John D. Dingell (D-Dearborn). “My district includes several of Michigan’s finest higher education institutions, including Monroe County Community College, and I am proud of their commitment to investing in cutting edge technology and educating tomorrow’s leaders in Michigan’s emerging industries.

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“I have been pleased to work with Monroe County Community College to secure federal funding for the nuclear engineering technology program that will be housed in the new Career Technology Center, and I will continue to support them and the great work they do. Today, Dr. Nixon and his staff should pat themselves on the back for their hard work and efforts.”

“Monroe County Community College plays a vital role in our community,” said Senator Randy Richardville (R-Monroe). “The Career Technology Center is a great addition to our community by providing education and training in leading industries. I had my first collegiate experience at MCCC and am proud to have played a role in bringing the Career Technology Center to Monroe County.”

The Career Technology Center will allow for the updating and expansion of existing programs now housed in the East and West Technology buildings, which are inadequate to meet modern technology needs.

These include program areas such as nuclear engineering, welding, construction, computer-aided drafting and manufacturing, electronics, mechanical engineering and automation, quality assurance, and automotive engineering and service with an emphasis on hybrid and battery technology.

In addition, the Career Technology Center will provide facilities and equipment necessary for the development of programs in the emerging areas of advanced manufacturing; renewable energies such as wind, solar and fuel cell technology, and sustainable and green technologies.

“I’m proud to be here today at Monroe County Community College as it begins its newest endeavor to enhance the education of the Monroe community and provide new tools and resources for local job creation,” said State Rep. Dale Zorn (R-Ida). “Because of unique efforts like this, our community continues to grow in new and innovative ways.”

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“Today marks another very important milestone in the almost 50-year history of our college – the construction of an impressive and expansive state of the art facility for our industrial technology programs,” said MCCC Board Chairman William J. Bacarella Jr.

“This building reflects our continuing dedication to the future of our citizens, our students, our businesses and industries, and our community at large. This building is truly an educational tool to accomplish several objectives that are inherent in our mission – to fully prepare students for meaningful employment, to partner fully with business and industry and to advance the economic prosperity of Monroe County.”

A combination of sustainable systems has been integrated into the design of the facility that will be incorporated into the curriculum. The building will serve as a learning laboratory for students in industrial technology fields.

The Career Technology Center will be built to Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver Standards and feature state-of-the-art lab space, a geothermal system, green roof, Industrial Technology Division and faculty offices, a computer classroom and labs for all of the following areas: automation, automotive, construction, electronics, manufacturing, materials, mechanical design, metrology, renewable energy, nuclear energy and welding.

“This facility is all about tomorrow and all those students whose lives will be enriched,” Nixon said. “It’s good for Monroe County families, good for businesses and good for the community’s well-being.”

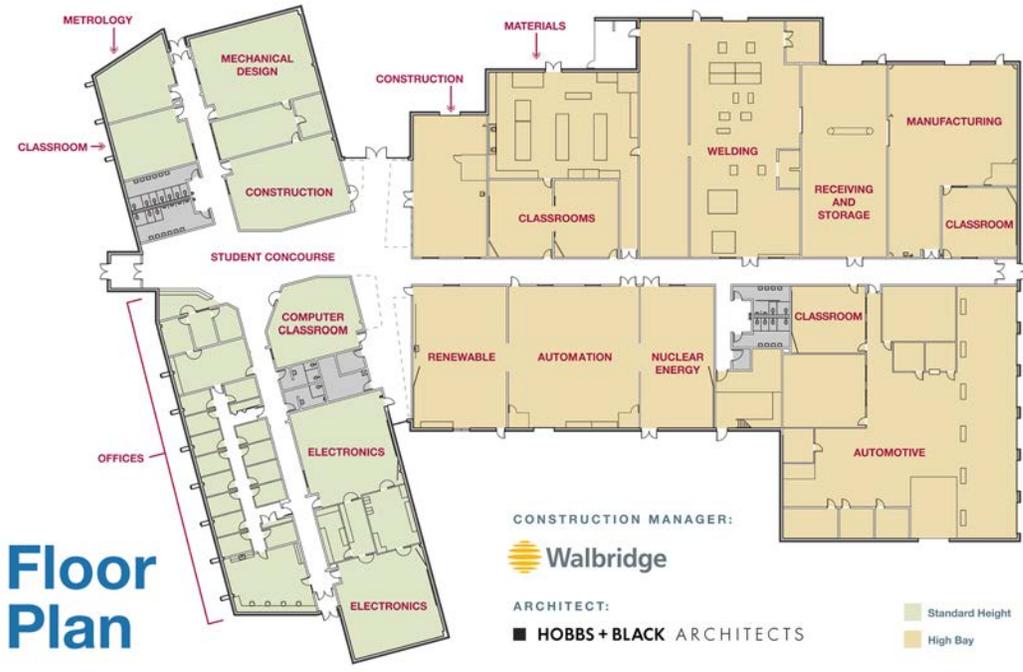
The state of Michigan will finance half the cost of construction. The college has committed to fund the other half through existing funds and a capital campaign in support of the facility.

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“The Foundation at MCCC is very excited about our newest campaign, and we send an enthusiastic invitation to all the folks of Monroe County and the State of Michigan to be part of it,” said Michael R. Meyer, chair of The Foundation at MCCC and a college trustee. “This truly is a ‘groundbreaking event’ that will enrich, inspire and educate for generations to come.”

More information on the Career Technology Center at MCCC, including ways to support the new facility, is available www.monroeccc.edu/ctc.





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