
President's High Growth Job Training Initiative
West Virginia Mine Training and Placement Center



Grant Amount: \$3,000,000

Grantee: West Virginia University

Key Partners: Consol Energy, Joy Mining Machinery, West Virginia Office of Miner's Health, Safety and Training, The West Virginia Coal Association, Workforce West Virginia, Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College

Leveraged Amount: \$544,333

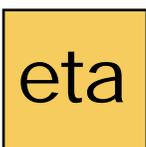
Location of Grant Activities: Morgantown and Mt. Gay, West Virginia

Challenge: As a result of increased energy demands from the world energy market and continued emphasis on coal for electric power generation, the coal industry in West Virginia and surrounding states is experiencing a corresponding and immediate surge in coal-mining employment opportunities. Additionally, coal companies are facing an immediate shortage of experienced, qualified workers due to retirements.

Addressing the Challenge: West Virginia University along with its partners will develop the Mine Training and Placement Center at West Virginia University and Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College. The Center will provide traditional classroom instruction with an expanded curriculum that incorporates practical experience in equipment operation through the use of simulators. Training also will be provided in mine support and construction tasks, as well as mine electrical, hydraulic, and maintenance systems.

Project Outcomes:

- Provide 100-150 certified electricians per year;
- Provide 100-150 certified foreman per year; and
- Produce 1,100- 1,200 qualified new miners per year.



EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ADMINISTRATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

*Energy Industry Grant
Announced on December 19, 2005*