
President's High Growth Job Training Initiative

Strengthening the U.S. Energy Industry



Grant Amount: \$2,363,539

Grantee: Oklahoma Department of Career and Technical Education

Key Partners: Key Energy Services, Inc., Unit Drilling Company, Well Completions, Inc., Diamond Services Company, Southwestern Energy Company, Crude Marketing & Transportation, Inc., Cheyenne Drilling, Beau Tech, Inc., NBI Services, Inc., and workforce investment boards in Oklahoma, Kansas, and Texas

Leveraged Amount: \$565,593

Location of Grant Activities: Woodward, Oklahoma

Challenge:

The primary source of high-paying new jobs in parts of Oklahoma, Arkansas, Kansas, and Texas is in the exploration and production sector of the oil and gas industry. However, this region faces a dramatic shortage of highly experienced and trained workers within this field. Additionally, across the country the demand for well servicing is at an all time high, with companies frequently waiting weeks for service due to the lack of trained workers. Both new and incumbent workers require specialized skills to fill these positions and advance into higher paying jobs.

Addressing the Challenge:

The State of Oklahoma, through the High Plains Technology Center (HPTC), will expand High Plains' successful Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Training Center in Woodward by establishing satellite centers throughout Oklahoma and neighboring states. This expansion will include the development of new courses in the areas of drilling, well servicing, production, and off-road driving. HPTC's strong partnership with oil and gas companies assures that training will meet industry standards.

Projected Outcomes:

- Train 1,304 new and incumbent workers for highly skilled and high paying jobs in the oil and gas industry's exploration and production sector; and
- Establish regional training centers in oil and gas producing regions of Oklahoma.



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