



January 27, 2022

TO: THE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF VALENCIA COLLEGE

FROM: DR. KATHLEEN PLINSKE
President

RE: GRANT FUNDING FOR A NEW CENTER FOR ACCELERATED
TRAINING – SCHOOL OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Valencia College currently has five Centers for Accelerated Training (CAT) that support Orange and Osceola Counties by housing Valencia College’s Accelerated Skills Training (AST) programs. These programs help build a skilled workforce through intensive, hands-on training in programs ranging from four weeks to 22 weeks in length. Students gain experience using the newest tools and technology, earning nationally recognized certifications in high-demand trades and professions including advanced manufacturing, construction and maintenance, health care, transportation and logistics, and information technology.

The College seeks to pursue a grant opportunity offered by the United States Economic Development Agency (EDA) to obtain funding to construct a sixth Center for Accelerated Training (CAT) on Valencia’s property at the School of Public Safety. Specifically, this grant would provide \$10 million to support the construction of a 30,000 square foot building for Valencia College AST programs, as well as pave five additional acres for the use by the AST Commercial Driving License program. It is estimated that this CAT would serve more than 600 students per year in highly needed programs such as Distribution Operations, Advanced Manufacturing, Commercial Truck Driving, and other critical areas to meet the demand of local and regional employers. This project would increase access to workforce education programs in a location that is geographically distant from other CAT facilities as well as provide the necessary facilities to train residents of underserved communities to participate fully in the local economy.

The financial details include EDA grant funding in the amount of \$10 million with a College “cash match” totaling \$4,938,680. If Valencia’s grant proposal is approved by the EDA, Valencia’s portion of the funding would come from the Capital Improvement Fee fund established to support a CAT originally planned on our East campus (located less than one mile from the new proposed site at the School of Public Safety). The planned space on our East Campus is smaller and would

not be able to support any CDL training. The total estimated cost for the construction of the School of Public Safety CAT is \$14,938,680.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

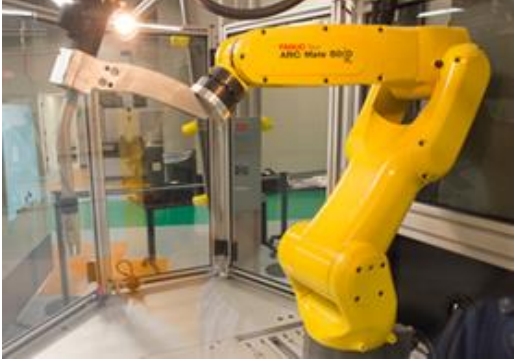
The President recommends that the District Board of Trustees of Valencia College approve the College's application for the EDA grant of \$10 million, with a College match of \$4,938,680, and its preliminary planning for a sixth CAT to be located on the School of Public Safety. If the grant is awarded to the College by the EDA, but the terms and conditions of the grant prove to be overly restrictive or otherwise inconsistent with College's approach to building and funding projects, the President will notify the EDA and the District Board of Trustees of the College's intention to decline the grant and the federal portion of funding for the proposed project.

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President

VALENCIA COLLEGE

Centers for Accelerated Training



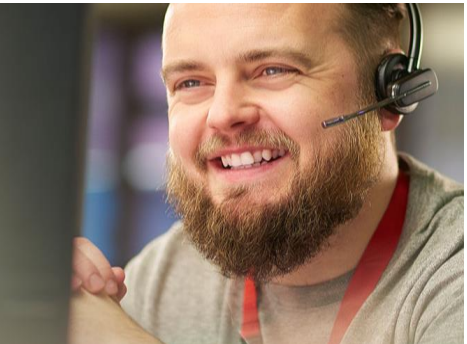
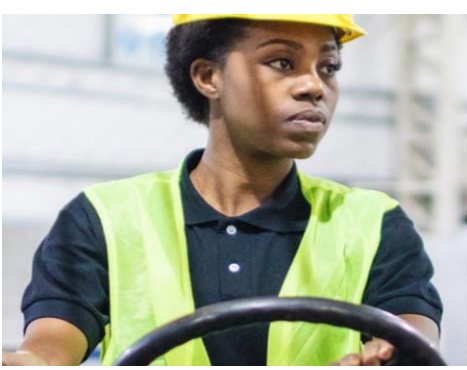
How the Centers started

- In 2012, Valencia participated in a grant that enabled research into the need for workforce skills training.
- In 2014, a USDOL TAACCCT grant was awarded for \$2.5M to establish a Center for Advanced Manufacturing to provide training in a short-term format.
- In 2016, the first Center for Accelerated Training, the Advanced Manufacturing Training Center was opened in Osceola County.



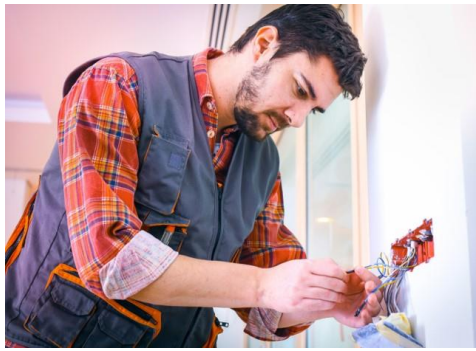
What is accelerated skill training?

- Short term intensive training in skilled professions
- Nationally recognized industry credentials
- Classroom, simulation and over 80% hands-on training
- Industry collaboration on curriculum
- Life and workplace soft skills included in the training curriculum
- Language skills & math remediation as necessary
- Community partners provide wraparound services
- Ability to articulate to credit A.S. degrees



Why

- Expand Valencia's reach into the community (access & impact)
- Remove barriers (Continuing Education is non-credit)
- Provide individuals an opportunity to earn a family living wage
- Provide training for those who need help climbing the economic rungs on the ladder
- Stackable industry credentials that create upward mobility
- Alternative pathway to attend college
- A continual skill shortage for many years



Programs, Students & Locations

- The Advanced Manufacturing Training Center provided a foundation for other industry sectors to experience what would be possible to meet their employee skill requirements and needs.
- Over the last 6 years, accelerated skills training programs have expanded to:
 - ❖ Construction
 - ❖ Transportation & Logistics
 - ❖ Healthcare
 - ❖ Information Technology



Programs, Students & Locations

- The goal is to train over 1,500 students annually
- Target Demographic
 - ❖ Underemployed
 - ❖ Unemployed
 - ❖ Underrepresented
 - ❖ Veterans
 - ❖ Women
- Evolving demographic
 - ❖ Young adults (18 to 24)
 - ❖ Upskilling existing employees





Programs, Students & Locations

- # of students served in:

❖ 15/16 – 191

❖ 16/17 – 284

❖ 17/18 – 423

❖ 18/19 – 425

❖ 19/20 – 417





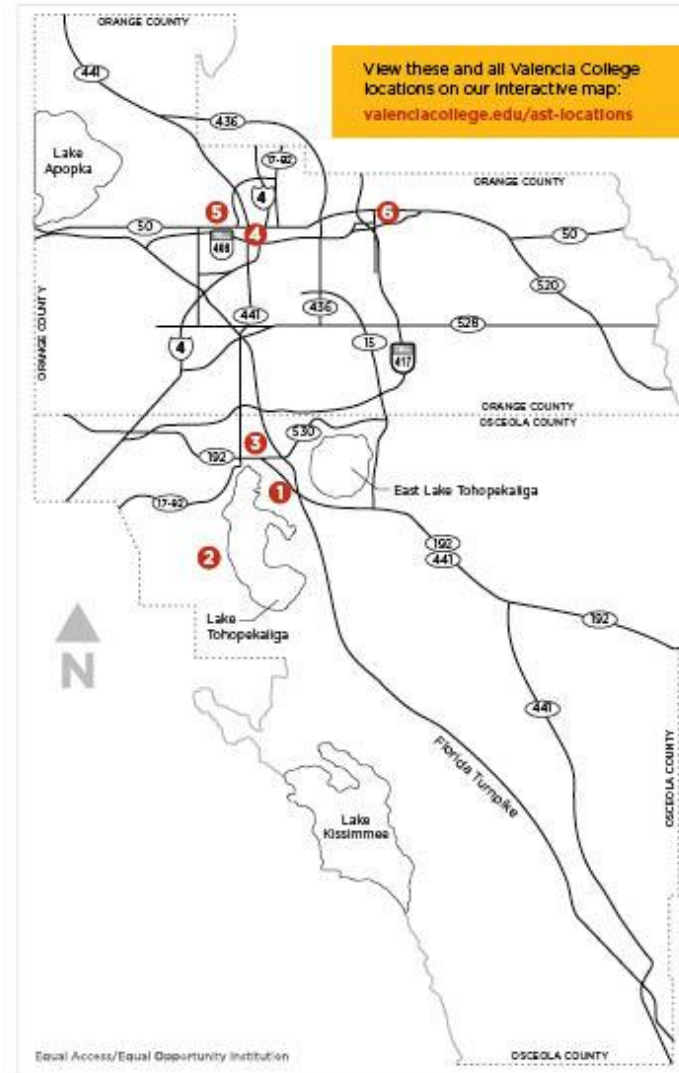
Programs, Students & Locations

- # of students served in 20/21: 815
 - ❖ 95% completion
 - ❖ 81% placement
 - ❖ 3,000+ industry credentials earned
 - ❖ Mean age 35
 - ❖ 38% Women
 - ❖ 59% Men
 - ❖ 6% Veterans
 - ❖ 33% White
 - ❖ 32% Black
 - ❖ 23% Hispanic
 - ❖ 12% Other



CENTERS FOR ACCELERATED TRAINING

Accelerated Skills Training programs are available at six convenient locations, as well as various areas around the community.



Our programs help to build a skilled workforce through intensive, hands-on training. Students gain experience using the newest tools and technology, earning nationally recognized certifications in high-demand trades and professions:

- Advanced Manufacturing
- Construction and Maintenance
- Health Care
- Transportation and Logistics
- Information Technology

1 ADVANCED MANUFACTURING TRAINING CENTER

1099 Cross Prairie Pkwy
Kissimmee, FL 34744

2 CENTER FOR ACCELERATED TRAINING - Polyclana Campus

3255 Pleasant Hill Road
Kissimmee, FL 34746

3 CENTER FOR ACCELERATED TRAINING - Osceola Campus

1800 Denn John Lane
Kissimmee, FL 34744

4 CENTER FOR ACCELERATED TRAINING - Downtown Orlando

400 Pittman St
Orlando, FL 32801

5 CENTER FOR ACCELERATED TRAINING - Northwest Orlando

3437 WD Judge Dr, Ste 110
Orlando, FL 32808

6 CENTER FOR ACCELERATED TRAINING - TBD East Orange

FUTURE SITE

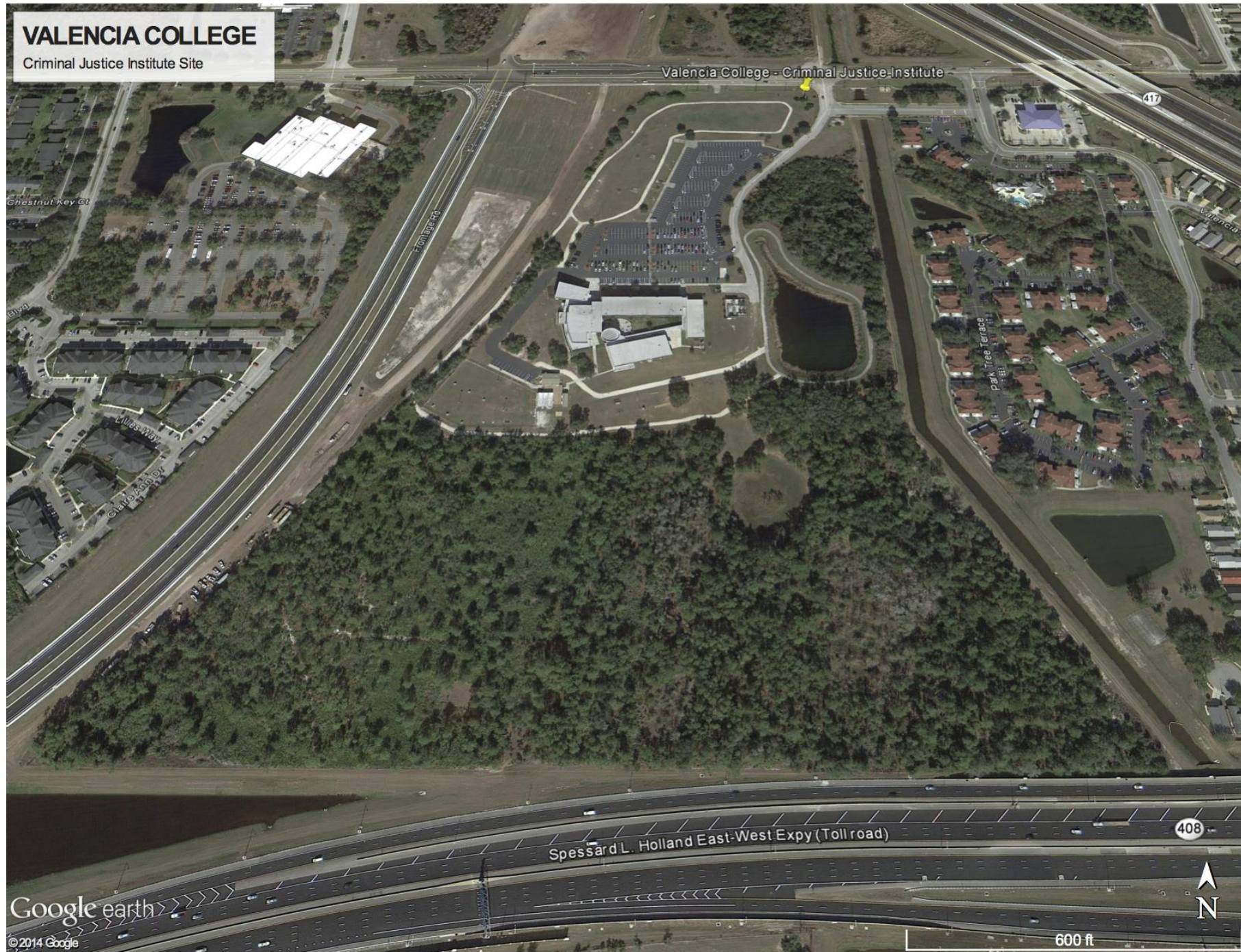
Center for Accelerated Training in East Orange County

- Design and planning commenced for an East Campus Center 1 ½ years ago (placed on hold while we moved forward with the Center in Northwest Orlando)
- American Rescue Plan presented a new opportunity to pursue funding through the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA), up to 80% of project funding
- A \$15M grant proposal was developed and submitted for a Center at the School of Public Safety campus for a 30,000 sq. ft. facility & 5 acre CDL training ground to primarily focus on Transportation & Logistics and Advanced Manufacturing

Center for Accelerated Training in East Orange County

- The new Center will enable access to Accelerated Skill Training programs for underserved areas in the East Orange community
- Capacity to serve over 600 students
- Achieve our stretch goal to serve over 1500 students annually
- Provides home base for in demand CDL training
- Utilizes our land asset at the School of Public Safety to serve more students in the community

VALENCIA COLLEGE
Criminal Justice Institute Site



Center for Accelerated Training in East Orange County

- \$5M is currently allocated in Fund 7 in support of this project
- These funds carry over year to year
- There is no definitive timeline for EDA to award funding