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PENSACOLA STATE COLLEGE WORKFORCE NAMING OPPORTUNITIES — EXCELLENCE IN ACTION

Commercial Truck Driving

Pensacola State College now trains commercial truck drivers to help meet local and regional workforce needs. Students who complete the 320-hour Commercial Vehicle Driving program will be trained in all the skills needed to earn a Florida Class A Commercial Driver License. PSC offers scholarships specifically earmarked for truck driving students; thereby demonstrating the College's commitment to meeting workforce needs.



THE NEED FOR CDL DRIVERS

Jay Bradshaw, Owner, Coastal Moving and Storage sees the importance of the program saying, "As a local business owner of two major moving companies in the Pensacola area I am thrilled to hear PSC will be building a training center for CDL drivers. CDL drivers are few

and far between and we need a reliable training center in Pensacola. Most of the drivers we deal with are 40 or older. We need to show the young generation that having a CDL can be life changing. The average hourly rate for our Class A drivers is \$21.50 an hour and we need 4-5 more."

PSC truck driver training school site is in Santa Rosa County. Preparations for the site include the construction of new infrastructure and facilities to meet critical workforce needs in the local region, the state of Florida and across the nation.

The College received this property, with a 40-year renewable lease. The property is located within the Santa Rosa Industrial Park East, off Highways 87 and 90, and two miles from Interstate 10, which is the primary east/west transportation artery across the southern United States. The property is 24 miles from the Pensacola International Airport and 27 miles from the Port of Pensacola.



YOU CAN HELP

Private donations can help expedite the site development and naming opportunities will be used to recognize private support.

Naming Opportunities	
Instructional Building	\$250,000
Driving Range	\$200,000
Endowed Scholarship Program	\$150,000
Naming - Building/Range/Scholarship	\$500,000
Simulator (2)	\$125,000
Simulator Lab	\$50,000
Classroom (3)	\$25,000
Truck Bay (2)	\$25,000

Phase 1, commercial vehicle driving, of the proposed project will result in a 160,000 square foot concrete driving pad and an 81,000 square foot asphalt road to be utilized for driving training exercises, and an 11,000 square foot building. The Instructional Building would support the classroom instruction of students comprised of the following spaces:

- Three (3) classrooms;
- Three (3) offices;
- Two (2) truck bays;
- One (1) simulator lab; and,
- Restrooms, educational equipment storage, and janitorial facilities.

Budget estimate for construction of Phase 1 (Total: \$5,565,000):

- Building \$3,400,000
- Concrete Driving Pad \$1,300,000
- Asphalt \$ 540,000
- Signage \$ 75,000
- 2 simulators \$ 250,000



In response to workforce needs, the College has plans to add additional programs to the site in future phases: Diesel Mechanics in Phase 2 and Lineman Training in Phase 3.



PSC purchased one 53-foot, cab-and-trailer training vehicle through a Governor’s Job Growth Grant from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity. A second trailer-truck was donated recently by the local beverage distributor, the Lewis Bear Co. Both vehicles will be used to train students in a variety of needed skills, from driving and safety techniques to cargo handling and document procedures.

Students in the program will drive at least 1,000 miles in training. When students complete the 320-hour Commercial Vehicle Driving course, they should have all the tools they need to earn a Florida Class A Commercial Driver License. The costs for the course sections above are comprehensive and include materials.

Even considering the high pay available through companies like Walmart, a shortage of truck drivers to haul cargo exists. A recent USA TODAY headline, "Walmart hiring hundreds more truck drivers — and it’s paying nearly \$90,000," indicates how high the demand is for companies like Walmart.

Students enrolled in PSC’s new Truck Driver Training program will have to complete the 320-hour program without the benefit of federal financial aid. Though a CDL can provide graduates from the program with higher paying jobs, they may struggle to manage the cost for the Commercial Vehicle Driving course (\$4,840).

With U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics forecasting a 6% growth in the profession from 2016 to 2026, you can help support students pursuing this financially rewarding career.

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Endowed Scholarship Funds: Endowed scholarships can be established with a single payment or the fund can be built with payments over a period of ten years to reach the minimum level of \$20,000. The fund will pay an annual distribution that will be used as the scholarship award.

In addition to naming the scholarship fund, the donor may choose awarding guidelines for how any distributed funds will be used. In addition to academic scholarships, scholarships created for the purpose of helping working students with supplies noted on the syllabi are beneficial. Scholarships can be combined with other gifts to create programmatic or building naming opportunities.

Endowed Scholarships as a Legacy - 52% of awards are possible annually because endowed scholarships are available into perpetuity.

Costs to Students Enrolled in the Program	
Commercial Vehicle Driving I - 80 hours	\$700
Commercial Vehicle Driving II – 80 hours	\$1,345
Commercial Vehicle Driving III – 80 hours	\$1,020
Commercial Vehicle Driving IV – 80 hours	\$1,775
Total Cost of Tuition, Fees, Certification	\$4,840