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Atlantic Cape Community College Receives Federal Grant For Technology Studies Institute in Proposed STEM Building

MAYS LANDING – The U.S. Economic Development Administration announced it will award Atlantic Cape Community College \$2 million Monday to support the construction of a Technology Studies Institute in the proposed Science, Technology, Engineering and Math building at the college’s Mays Landing Campus.

“This is a most welcome announcement for Atlantic Cape Community College, and we thank Congressman Frank LoBiondo for his efforts on our behalf,” said Dr. Peter L. Mora, president. “This announcement represents the final piece of funding needed to move forward with the college’s Science, Technology, Engineering and Math building—one of the central components of our master plan, Blueprint 2020.

“The STEM building and its Technology Studies Institute will be transformational in increasing Atlantic Cape’s capacity to provide higher education opportunities in high-demand jobs of the future for students and workers in our region—one of our efforts to fulfill our legacy of truly serving as the ‘community’s college’,” Mora said.

Additionally, Mora credits the South Jersey Economic Development District and Leonard C. Desiderio, board chairman, as well as Atlantic County Executive Dennis Levinson and the Atlantic County Board of Chosen Freeholders for their efforts in support of the EDA application process.

This construction will mark the first new building at the Mays Landing Campus in nearly two decades. The 32,475-square-foot, two-story facility will feature two biology labs, two chemistry labs, a shared earth science and anthropology lab, adjacent science preparation rooms, three computer classrooms, office space and a partially vegetated roof with walkways. The building will house the Technology Studies Institute that will offer many programs, including the aviation studies and geographic information systems courses.

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It is a \$16 million project designed by Burt, Hill Architects. The next step will be for the EDA to review the college's construction documents and for the college to put the project out for bid. Construction will take about 18 months to complete.

The STEM building will be located between the William Spangler Library and the campus central plant. The site is also near the main student parking lots and actively engages the southern section of the campus quad. In this location, architects say, the building will serve as a "highly visible beacon" for those entering or leaving campus.

The STEM building roof will have a patio area for a rooftop astronomy program and will feature a partially vegetated green roof with native plants and grasses. The vegetated roof will assist in storm water management and moderating the required cooling loads. A rooftop mechanical penthouse will protect and hide the heating, ventilating and air conditioning units, fans and equipment.

The building is designed with many "green" initiatives and the architects will seek LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Silver certification at the end of construction. Some of the elements that support the LEED Silver status include: a vegetated green roof; use of recycled materials in construction; day-lighting in most of the occupied spaces and use of indirect lighting; use of natural materials including stone tile; indoor air quality monitoring and storm water management using a vegetated bio-swale.

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