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DREAMS DO COME TRUE...

Funding for the construction of a much needed and long awaited Tooele Applied Technology College (TATC) has been secured and is in the process of design. TATC and Utah State University – Tooele Regional Campus will share the facility to accommodate existing and new programs, meet foreseeable market demand and strengthen local, regional and state economic development efforts.

The architectural firm Method Studio, Inc. will complete facility design by December 2011. Construction of this new 70,000 square foot facility will begin in the spring of 2012 and completed by May 2013. The building will be located at 82 South Tooele Blvd. on eight acres of USU property immediately west of the newly developed Tooele County School District Community Learning Center and will serve as the gateway facility for the envisioned Tooele County Education and Training Corridor. Gary Straquadine, USU – Tooele Regional Campus Dean and Executive Director stated, “The building will add a distinguished function in an educational corridor master plan. It will become an essential part of a campus environment that includes USU’s current West Vine Street building, the Community Learning Center, and 54 acres of USU property in the same tract of land. This project is great for the Tooele Community.”

TATC currently offers a variety of programs related to Business Technology, Information Technology, Allied Health, Manufacturing, Welding and Cosmetology. The project will make numerous new education and training opportunities available for high school and adult learners throughout the county. TATC President, Scott Snelson indicated “The new building will enable the expansion of existing TATC programs and provide high-tech space for dynamic, industry-driven programs such as nursing (LPN & RN), applied economics, construction and building trades, diesel technician, recreational vehicle maintenance and repair, natural resource management, farm management, warehousing/distribution/logistics/material handling and professional truck driving.”

Snelson continues, “Achieving this project is a remarkable accomplishment for all stakeholders and a shared victory for the citizens and businesses of Tooele. Numerous local government, education and business leaders are commended for their efforts with this project. Tooele has demonstrated that when partners work together toward a common goal, dreams really do come true.”

Established in July of 2009, TATC is one of eight Utah College of Applied Technology campuses located across the state to provide technical training that meet the needs of local businesses and support economic development efforts.