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**Dominion Transmission, Inc. Donated \$35,000 in Supplies to Support
BridgeValley's Welding Technology Program**

South Charleston, W.Va. – Dominion Transmission contributed approximately \$35,000 in pipe and fittings utilized in natural gas transmission to BridgeValley Community and Technical College's Welding Technology program. These supplies will be used to enhance the classroom experiences in both the Montgomery and South Charleston campus locations and the hands-on component of the Welding Technology curriculum.

"Dominion Transmission is pleased to supply about 1000 feet of pipe to BridgeValley to support the school's welding classes. It's another opportunity for Dominion to give back to the local community that we serve and where we do business. By doing so we ensure a well-trained professional workforce for our future. The Community and Technical College System of WV is well poised to work with industry partners to ensure a well-trained workforce," said Christine Mitchell, External Affairs Representative for Dominion Resources Services, Inc.

BridgeValley's associate of applied science degree in Welding Technology stresses industry-wide safety procedures, materials, and variety of welding techniques. Graduates are prepared to enter into areas of the construction, engineering, manufacturing, heavy equipment repair, and plant maintenance. Graduates may also transfer to a baccalaureate college as a junior to continue their education.

"Dominion's generous gift will provide our students the opportunity to gain real-world experience with actual materials used in the industry," said Dr. Jo Harris, BridgeValley President. "This is another example of how our industry partners continue to support the college's efforts to develop the workforce necessary to move our region's economy forward."

BridgeValley Community and Technical College serves a six-county region including Fayette, Raleigh, Nicholas, Clay, Putnam and Kanawha counties. The college operates two campuses in Montgomery and South Charleston. BridgeValley awards one-year certificates and two-year associate degrees in many fields including engineering technology, business and health management, nursing, dental hygiene, diesel technology, information technology, and welding.

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