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### **TC Energy and BridgeValley Community and Technical College Partnership to Build Future Workforce**

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**(South Charleston, WV)** - BridgeValley Community and Technical College (BridgeValley) and TC Energy are partnering to create a cooperative education (co-op) program designed to provide hands-on experience and build future workforce capabilities amongst students enrolled in the Instrumentation, Measurement and Controls (IMC) Program.

The co-op program will focus on the technical disciplines of:

- Measurement and Regulation (M&R)
- Electrical and Instrumentation (E&I)
- Corrosion
- Pipeline

This partnership will provide classroom training opportunities and on-the-job experiences through co-op roles at TC Energy. The program will kick off in the summer of 2022 for students entering their second year of the three-year program.

“We look forward to welcoming BridgeValley students to the co-op program,” says Kelly Frye-Valerio, Manager US Gas Operations Technical Development. “This is a great opportunity to lend our expertise and help students apply what they’ve learned in the classroom to a practical workplace setting. We’re also excited to learn from these students and embrace their new ideas as we move forward together in our journey to building a sustainable energy future.”

In addition to on-the-job technical experiences, students will be exposed to other parts of the business, learning about the safety, operational, commercial, financial, technological and regulatory aspects of the industry.

“The goal of this program is to provide students with an enriching learning experience that improves their knowledge, skills and abilities while creating a pipeline of diverse talent for future roles at TC Energy,” says Jeff Wyco, VP Workforce Development & ATC Operations. “The program’s blended FlexSchedule model will allow students to complete their course requirements online while gaining valuable work experience.”

This partnership was inspired by BridgeValley's involvement in the West Virginia Community and Technical College System (WVCTCS). Working with representatives from the natural gas industry, the WVCTCS identified the need to further develop technician skills within energy. In addition to this beneficial partnership with TC Energy, BridgeValley has also started the Instrumentation, Measurement and Controls (IMC) Program. The IMC Program offers an Associates in Applied Science (AAS) Degree and has received over \$200,000 of equipment donations from the local industry.

Students can register now to begin the program in the Fall 2021 semester. For more information on this program, contact [ken.haynes@bridgevalley.edu](mailto:ken.haynes@bridgevalley.edu)

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### About BridgeValley Community and Technical College

BridgeValley Community and Technical College promotes student success, prepares a skilled workforce, and builds tomorrow's leaders by providing access to quality higher education. BridgeValley Community and Technical College will be the college of opportunity for a diverse learner population, offering leading-edge technology, innovative ideas, and dynamic service to our students and our communities. 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, along with the addition of the new Advanced Technology Center. BridgeValley Community and Technical College is a public institution of higher education independently accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Schools and Colleges and a member of the Community and Technical College System of West Virginia.

### About TC Energy

We are a vital part of everyday life — delivering the energy millions of people rely on to power their lives in a sustainable way. Thanks to a safe, reliable network of natural gas and crude oil pipelines, along with power generation and storage facilities, wherever life happens — we're there. Guided by our core values of safety, responsibility, collaboration and integrity, our 7,500 people make a positive difference in the communities where we operate across Canada, the United States and Mexico.