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CMT Supports Purdue University College of Technology's Plan for a New Engineering Technology (BS) Degree Program

Purdue's College of Technology began offering AAS degrees in MET at Richmond and EET at Kokomo in 1968. In 1981, the Governor's office formally created Purdue Statewide Technology providing access to the college's degree programs at 11 locations across Indiana. Programs offered at each location are in direct response to area workforce demands.

Today this program provides a Purdue technology education to nearly 1,400 students who prefer/need to pursue their education close to home. Graduates from the locations have a 97 percent job placement rate and 82 percent continue to reside and work in local Indiana communities.

As new technology-centered businesses have entered local communities across the state, they require employees with an even greater cross-section of skills. Purdue has anticipated and responded to these changing requirements through a newly proposed bachelor's degree in engineering technology.

The initial plan is to offer the engineering technology program at four locations — South Bend, Kokomo, Anderson, and Richmond. The bachelor's degree program includes courses from six technology disciplines allowing for customization to any business, industry, and regional workforce needs.

In an effort to better utilize resources and meet the changing business demands in communities beyond the four locations specified for the engineering technology degree program, a new distance education delivery system (I-Light Connectivity) is required. This new conductivity will increase course offerings to students; provide the ability to deliver on site courses for business; offer special faculty lectures and other education opportunities to students at one or multiple locations; and take advantage of facility expertise at other locations for course delivery. Purdue is currently seeking state funding for this initiative.



From left to right: Duane Dunlap, Professor and Associate Dean Statewide Technology-Purdue; Barbara Alder, Director Purdue University-Anderson/ Muncie; Alan Rowley, Senior Vice President Marketing, Comfort Motion Technologies.

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Comfort Motion Technologies and State Senator Tim Lanane attended a briefing meeting at the Purdue University – Anderson / Muncie location to learn more about this worthwhile effort. Dr. Paul Phipps, President of Comfort Motion Technologies, stated, "CMT believes very strongly in supporting higher education. CMT has worked very closely with Purdue in the past, and is proud to be a new member of its Industrial Advisory Board." Alan Rowley, CMT's Senior Vice President Marketing, stated, "We support the funding effort by Purdue as this is exactly the type of support a company like ours is looking for."

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