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## **MSCC, ANC Combining Workforce Training Efforts**

Arkansas Northeastern College and Mid-South Community College, members of the Arkansas Delta Training and Educational Consortium (ADTEC), have agreed to combine their resources in an effort to expand and enhance the customized workforce training services for the college's combined service regions. The institutions will operate this service resource under the name of ADTEC Solutions Group.

The ADTEC Solutions Group will employ faculty with a background in the industrial environment. These faculty members will be tasked with the responsibility of providing customized training for the businesses and industries of the region.

Arkansas Northeastern College (ANC) originally formed The Solutions Group in 1996 as a model for providing training to area industries by designing customer-driven training solutions, customized in terms of content, delivery schedule, and delivery location. Since 1996, The Solutions Group has trained over 12,000 persons, providing over 350,000 contact hours of training.

In 2005, The Solutions Group was recognized nationally for innovative excellence with the Bellwether Award, sponsored by the Community Colleges Futures Assembly. Mid-South Community College (MSCC) also has been actively engaged in servicing industrial training needs for many years, bringing their state-of-the-art training facilities and organizational experience with regional economic development to the new ADTEC Solutions Group partnership.

ANC and MSCC are members of ADTEC, along with Arkansas State University at Newport, East Arkansas Community College, and Phillips Community College of the University of Arkansas. In 2009, ADTEC also was honored with the Bellwether Award for regional collaboration.

According to Dr. Robin Myers, President of ANC, "ADTEC Solutions Group represents a natural extension of ADTEC's commitment to enhance regional economic

development through collaboration to better assist existing industries in fulfilling their training needs as well as improving our regional ability to attract new industry to the area.”

“The ADTEC Solutions Group partnership will allow our colleges to expand our collective range of specialized training and consulting services in ways that we would have been unable to accomplish operating independently.”

“The success of continued economic development in our region remains directly tied to our capacity to provide industry-relevant training and education, and this partnership will help us take those efforts to the next level,” added Dr. Glen Fenter, President of MSCC.

“Sharing resources and strategies through the ADTEC Solutions Group constitutes a logical progression in our collective efforts to create and sustain a pipeline of qualified workers, both to meet the needs of current employers and to make our region an even more attractive location for job-producing industries.”

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