THIS IS US: TRUE ‘PARTNERSHIP’

It’s not always easy, but it’s worth it!

Alabama Power
BEVILL STATE
Community College

Fayette | Hamilton | Jasper | Sumiton | Carrollton
Alabama Power Company is the second largest electric utility within Southern Company. More than 84,000 miles of power lines carry electricity to customers throughout the company’s 44,500-square-mile service territory. Alabama Power provides the valuable combination of competitive prices, reliable electricity supply, and unparalleled service to more than 1.4 million homes, businesses, and industries.
Bevill State Community College is a public, two-year institution, committed to providing comprehensive education and educational support services in West Central Alabama and beyond. The four main campuses, and one instructional site, offer university parallel and applied technology educational opportunities to over one-quarter million people in a greater than 4,600 square mile, seven county area.
Alabama Power needed an accredited, regional training partner to advance incumbent workers.

Bevill State Community College had a need for state of the art equipment and facility upgrades.
TWO TRACTS OF PARTNERSHIP

- CREATION OF A STATE-OF-THE-ART TRAINING FACILITY
- EXPANTION OF PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT (PLA) TO OFFER CREDIT TO ALABAMA POWER EMPLOYEES
Different administrators at Bevill State with different levels of understanding.

State System was not set up for this type of learning.

Project was the first of its kind in the state which led to ambiguity when starting the process.
MORE CHALLENGES

- Education does not move at the same speed as Industry!
- Business & Industry do not speak the same language as Higher Education.
- Crosswalking was not exact between training modules and Bevill State courses.
Alabama Power employees are training in the new facility and enrolling in Bevill State courses.
Bevill State Students have access to internships and equipment.
Prior Learning Assessment is in place.
Transfer partnership with Bishop State serves other employees of Alabama Power in different areas of the state.
REPLICATION

Listening to Business & Industry and being open to their needs is key.

Willingness to share best practices.
SAY YES AND FIGURE IT OUT LATER.
Thank you for attending!

Any questions?

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