SC State Board of Technical & Comprehensive Education

Annual Accountability Report 1996 - 97
His Excellency, David M. Beasley, Governor
and Members of the General Assembly

This is the annual accountability report for the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1997. This report contains our mission statement, program goals, and performance measures.

The Technical Education System has existed in South Carolina since 1961 and is unwavering in its commitment to its original mission and goals - to provide training and education which supports the economic development of the state. Demands for highly skilled graduates are rapidly increasing as the technical colleges strive to meet the needs of the businesses in their communities.

The system has developed and maintained an adequate post high school technical training system. This is closely related to the economic development activities of the state, through the governance of the South Carolina Technical Education System. Included in this is a statewide system that includes 16 technical colleges and a special schools unit for specific industrial training.

Respectfully submitted,

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Executive Summary

Last year the South Carolina Technical Education System provided educational opportunities to more than 200,000 citizens through credit, continuing education and pre-employment industry training programs. In the last five years, system-wide enrollment has increased by 50 percent, bringing the total number of students who enrolled last year in the 16 technical colleges to 86,000. Approximately 106,000 people participated in non-credit occupation training. Special Schools, the innovative program that provides training to new and expanding industries, trained more than 9,400 people for new jobs in 182 companies.

Mission Statement

The South Carolina Technical and Comprehensive Education System is a publicly supported two-year multi college educational system that has as its primary emphasis the economic and human resource development of the state. To ensure economic growth and enhance student success, the System offers a range of programs and services that responds to the educational, economic and cultural needs of a diverse adult citizenry. Primary comprehensive educational programs include training to assist new and expanding business and industry, technical and career education, life-long occupational advancement training and pre-baccalaureate education. In accomplishing this mission the System will use public and private resources in an effective, efficient and accountable manner to deliver accessible, affordable quality programs and services.

Goals

1.) Excellence - Ensure excellence in programs and services through quality curriculum, personnel, facilities and equipment.

2.) Leadership - Provide the leadership through a shared vision that enables the System to communicate and accomplish its stated mission.

3.) Economic Development - Assist the development efforts of the state to expand its economic base.

4.) Access - Ensure access to affordable educational programs and services for all adult citizens of the state.

5.) Responsiveness - Ensure responsiveness by providing flexible programs in a timely manner to meet the needs of communities, employers and citizens

6.) Accountability - Ensure educational and organizational effectiveness and accountability through program outcomes assessment and the efficient use of resources

7.) Resources - Develop the support base and fiscal resources necessary to effectively and efficiently fulfill the mission and vision of the system.
Vision

The State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education will be the nation's leading two-year post-secondary educational system in creating a world class work force in support of economic and human resource development. Exemplary programs and services for a diverse citizenry will be the hallmark of the system and, therefore, will be a major component of South Carolina's economic viability. The system environment will nurture the creation of high-skilled, high-wage stable employment. The system's commitment to quality comprehensive programs will successfully address the needs of work force literacy, employment training, advanced career and technical education, life-long occupational advancement training and pre-baccalaureate education. The system will be noted for flexible, responsive and relevant courses and programs, application of state-of-the-art technology to the educational process; transfer of technology application to business and industry; and the successful movement of students from high school to technical college, and between technical colleges and senior institutions. The system's planning and assessment efforts, as well as judicious and effective use of its resources will be recognized as a national model.

DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAMS

Economic Development Division

Special Schools is a program of the South Carolina Technical Education System meant to provide tailor-made training to new and expanding industries in South Carolina. Special Schools keeps as it's main purpose to offer trained employees to a company when the doors are first opened for operation. Since 1961, 171,292 people have been trained for new jobs in 1406 companies.

The Technical Education System is currently involved with over 250 companies designing and/or implementing specific training programs. 54 percent are new companies and 46 percent are existing companies that are expanding their businesses. In the last year over 9300 people went through special schools training. The following are a few examples of some of the programs that are adopted to the needs of industry.

- ISO 9000
- Total Quality Management
- Supervisory Development Training
- Statistical Process Control
- World Class Concepts

Program Cost

Program cost of $11,667,128.70 (state general funds) comprise the programs expenditures for 1996-1997.
Program goals & objectives

To continue training the citizens of the state for the jobs that the new industries are creating and in maintaining a commitment to that training should the business want to expand and grow within our state.

Other areas

The South Carolina Technical College System in conjunction with the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education has inaugurated the South Carolina Advanced Technological Education Initiative (SC ATE) in response to the pressing need of South Carolina business and industry for a more technically advanced and skilled workforce with major mathematics and science education reform taking place in the K-12 arena, the SC ATE initiative will serve as the catapult for parallel reform in higher education through the tech college system.
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION
STATE BOARD FOR TECHNICAL AND COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION
Special Schools Trainees 1961-62 thru 1996-97
SPECIAL SCHOOLS TRAINING
FOR NEW AND EXPANDING COMPANIES
Fiscal Years 1993-1997

Companies Served

NEW  EXPANDING

Total Trainees