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SCHOOL BOARD SETS GROUNDBREAKING FOR NEW MTI MAIN CAMPUS ON S.R. 70

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(Bradenton, FL. – June 2, 2011) After a decade of sustained efforts and aspirations, the groundbreaking ceremony for Manatee Technical Institute’s new main campus will take place on Tuesday, June 14, 2011, beginning at 4 p.m. The groundbreaking will take place at the location where the new \$44 million, 210,000 square-foot facility will be built – on State Road 70, just east of Caruso Road, immediately to the south of Braden River High School.

Construction on MTI’s new main campus is slated to begin in June 2011, and the completion date is scheduled for December 2012. The new campus is expected to open to students in January 2013.

“This is an exciting time for everyone connected with Manatee Technical Institute,” said MTI Director Mary Cantrell, PhD. “This groundbreaking represents our dreams becoming a reality.”

MTI officials have been actively seeking a new home for MTI for more than 10 years. The new facilities are needed to replace the award-winning school’s aging campus currently located at 34th Street West in Bradenton. The new location would not only enhance and update MTI’s facilities, it would provide easier access to students from Manatee and surrounding counties because of its close proximity to Interstate 75.

Manatee Technical Institute has earned widespread recognition as one of the top technical schools in America. For seven consecutive years, its students have won more medals than any other technical school in the country at the annual SkillsUSA Competition held in Kansas City.

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School Board Chairman Robert Gause and Superintendent Dr. Tim McGonegal are scheduled to be among the speakers at the groundbreaking ceremony. The architect for the project is Fawley Bryant Architects, Inc., and The Beck Group will serve as the Construction Management firm.

“The time to build a new MTI is finally at hand,” said Superintendent McGonegal. “In this day and age and in this economy, when 70 percent of all jobs require some kind of technical skill; the industry-driven curriculum, continuing workforce development and academic skill enhancement offered at MTI are more essential than ever before. This new campus will move us forward by creating the facilities MTI needs to fully serve our area’s needs.”

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