

COMMUNITY NEEDS ARE DRIVING OUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE.

Why a Referendum Now?

Gateway Technical College continues to serve a critical role in the economic and educational needs of our community. Recently we conducted studies to ensure we were in alignment with community expectations for workforce training and advanced skill requirements in each of the three counties we serve. In response to those articulated needs, Gateway administration and the Board of Trustees introduced a plan to better serve our students and our communities. Keeping our region competitive requires preparing students and workers with the knowledge and skills necessary to spur job growth and individual success.

What's the Plan?

Gateway constantly adapts its programs and facilities to meet the needs of the community. As community needs exceed the available resources, Gateway is seeking funds to add, upgrade and expand through a bond referendum put before voters on April 2, 2013 in the three counties served by Gateway.

What Are the Benefits to the Community?

- A state-of-the-art Public Safety Training Center would provide new and enhanced training opportunities to the three-county area for veteran law enforcement officers, corrections, fire and EMS workers, as well

as students entering these career study areas. Currently, public safety workers are often forced to travel out of the area or out of the state to fulfill their required training courses. The Center would include:

- A 3-block simulated learning city to provide training using real life situations faced by emergency responders.
- 30,000 square foot classroom and tactical labs facility.
- Emergency Vehicle Operation Training Course (EVOC).
- Indoor Pistol/Rifle Firing Range.
- Equipment, vehicles and facility garage.
- Expansion and renovation of the Elkhorn campus to accommodate new and expanding program areas to meet a growing need for these positions in the community. The expansion would include:
 - A new food quality lab technician program and lab
 - A new Veterinary Technician program and science lab. A Gateway-conducted assessment of area veterinarians predicts a 52% increase in job growth.
 - With an expected 25% growth over the next 10 years in Walworth County, the Hospitality industry will be in constant need of trained workers. Extending Gateway's cosmetology and culinary arts programs to the Elkhorn Campus, where Gateway's Hotel/Hospitality

program is already established, will further support the industry.

- Expanded Elkhorn welding lab.
- New CNC program and lab.
- Renovation of the Kenosha campus would improve access to student enrollment and learning support services. Vacated space would be redesigned and repurposed for an Interior Design lab and studio space, and a new Barbering program and lab.
- Renovation of the Technical Building on the Racine Campus would include a new Freshwater Technician program lab. Excellent growth in job potential; many regional water technology firms.
- All campuses would be upgraded to be more energy efficient. These upgrades include new LED lighting and replacing 30–40-year old boilers. These energy efficiency upgrades could save \$50,000 to \$100,000 per year.

What Are the Needs?

If approved by voters, the \$49 million would cost each property owner \$9.73 per year, per \$100,000 valuation. With these funds, the college could implement its strategic plan at an accelerated rate and bring those benefits to students and the community in a timely way. Benefits to the community would outweigh the cost through expanded programs, course offerings and enhanced training opportunities for the entire community.

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Academic Programming Expansion

These projects allow for Gateway to provide training in facilities built for career-specific education, using state-of-the-art equipment used in the workplace today for these in-demand careers.

Public Safety and Training Center—central location in Gateway District

Building & Land purchase: \$11,568,000
Equipment: \$4,000,000
Total cost: \$15,568,000

Expand and renovate Elkhorn Campus allowing for several new programs to be introduced to the campus/others, including automated manufacturing to be expanded

Expansion & Remodel: \$10,090,000
Equipment: \$3,500,000
Total: \$13,590,000

Renovate Racine Campus including new Fresh Water Resources lab

Remodeling: \$1,765,000
Equipment: \$ 750,000
Total: \$2,515,000

Remodel portion of Kenosha Campus Technical building including interior Design, Barbering labs)

Remodeling: \$1,241,000
Equipment: \$1,000,000
Total: \$2,241,000

Increased Access/Improved Student Retention

These projects will provide students and the community with greater access to Gateway services. The project, similar to that recently completed on the Racine and Elkhorn campuses, will match the facility to the new student success model. In addition, a Learning Success Center which includes placement testing, tutoring and other academic support services would be created.

Expand and Renovate Kenosha Campus Student Services Center

Expansion & Renovation: \$6,807,000
Equipment: \$1,000,000
Total \$7,807,000

District Projects and Energy Efficiency

These projects include updating aging HVAC equipment and lighting to save taxpayer dollars and create a more comfortable learning environment. These projects also remodel or add to facilities for more appropriate use as we respond to community needs.

Energy Efficiency and Infrastructure:

Cost: \$5,000,000

Administration Center Expansion to bring administrative functions together and allow for more appropriate use of former space

Expansion: \$2,029,000
Equipment: \$ 250,000
Total: \$2,279,000



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