

# *Partnering with Government, Education and Industry*

*Process Technology American Youth Policy Forum*



*Bill Raley – College of the Mainland*

*Dennis Link – BP Texas City Refinery*

*Lee Rector – Texas Workforce Investment Council*

*September 19, 2008  
Washington, D.C.*





# Houston PTEC Video Clip





# The Partnership Beginning

- Redefinition of Process Operators
- Globally Competitive Workforce
- Changing Technology
- Image of Community Colleges
- Low Cost Provider Potential





# Industry as a Committed Partner

- Technical Skills Need vs. Supply
- High Retention of Graduates
- Career Opportunities that Increase Quality of Life
- Offer Internships
- Fund Scholarships
- Make a Difference





# Texas Government Role

- Enable - Establish core technical curriculum
  - Texas Skill Standards Board
  - Competency standards (2005)
  - Program recognition (2006)
- Legislate – Education Code revisions
  - College readiness standards (2005; 79th)
  - 12 hours dual credit requirement (2005; 79th)
  - 4X4 RHSP requirement commencing cohort fall 2007 (2005; 79th)
  - CTE review (HB 3485) and Perkins alignment/funding (2007; 80th)
- Evaluate – Governor’s Industry Cluster Initiative
  - Current/future needs to ensure educational options





*Next Generation Education & Training  
Performance by Design, Not by Chance*

