



Ribbon cutting September 10, 2014

Experience the changes

Come onto EHOVE Career Center's campus and you're in for a nice surprise. EHOVE has a new look and it's already making a difference for the school's high school and adult ed students. The community is welcomed to explore the new and renovated areas of campus during EHOVE's Open House on Sunday, October 5 from 10 am-1 pm. All visitors can also enjoy a complimentary brunch and car show.

In the summer of 2013, ground was broken to begin work on a facility improvement project to expand and enhance the career tech and academic facilities. As the project nears completion, the goal remains the same - to provide high school and adult students with the most up-to-date learning environment in the timeliest and most economical means possible for the taxpayers.

High school students are already utilizing the new Science & Technology Building's state-of-the-art science labs, multipurpose room, classrooms, study areas and labs for the Computer Network Tech, Visual Media Tech and Global Business Management programs. Adult education students in Occupational Therapy Assistant, allied health programs including Patient Care Tech, Medical Assistant, Massage Therapy and Practical Nursing, and Cosmetology will be moved into their new and renovated areas prior to the October open house.

EHOVE staff celebrated a ribbon cutting on September 10 with the Board of Education, Poulos & Schmid Design Group, Adena Corporation, Attorney Chester Sumpter and EHOVE neighbor Glenn Rockwell Sr.

"Today signals the opening of the new EHOVE," said EHOVE Board of Education President Dr. Paul Lockwood. "The new EHOVE with state-of-the-art facilities for our high school and adult education students."

EHOVE developed a plan with Poulos & Schmid Design Group of Sandusky to build a structure that connected two existing buildings on campus. The 66,700 sq. ft. new and renovated areas were outfitted with the latest equipment to meet EHOVE's immediate needs to provide the latest training programs for in-demand jobs right here in our local area.

No new levies were requested to fund the project. The project was funded by the issuance of Certificates of Participation (COPS) in the amount of \$7.5 million. The EHOVE Board of Education also set aside \$1 million in the Permanent Improvement Fund.

"We're really happy with the project as a whole," said Poulos & Schmid Design Group Principal Architect Greg Schmid. "It wasn't overdesigned so the square foot cost is right in line with similar school projects."

EHOVE's utilized a construction manager at risk, Adena Corporation, to manage the project. Adena worked closely with EHOVE, architects, subcontractors and everyone else involved throughout the process. "This project went very well," said Adena Project Manager Glen Guttenberg. "The results speak for themselves."

"From the concept to now, it's impressive that teamwork can make this happen," said Schmid. "That's the benefit of working with a construction manager at risk. Key people stay involved in the decision-making throughout the process so it's efficient. That just makes sense for the project and the budget."

Local companies, professionals and suppliers were utilized extensively as subcontractors to ensure jobs for local workers. "Roofing, plumbing, glass, doors, concrete, masonry. I'd say at least 75% of the work was done by locals," said Guttenberg.

Several of the subcontractors' employees who worked on the project were EHOVE alumni. Poulos & Schmid Design Group Architect Josh Fox is an EHOVE Class of 1998 alumnus. Working on this project helped him get registered, a process where candidates are assessed on their knowledge and skills in the career field.

Attorney Chester Sumpter assisted EHOVE's facility improvement project by providing selection of project delivery method, document preparation, contract negotiation, preparation, review and consultation, and general legal counsel.

The Glenn Rockwell Family Farm has been EHOVE's neighbor over forty years. Glenn Rockwell Sr. allowed EHOVE to acquire a strip of adjoining property to create an access road. This prevented traffic disruption and ensured safe movements between buildings for students and staff. Upon completion of the project, the access road will become a looped service road named in Rockwell's honor.

Photos documenting the process since the groundbreaking to the ribbon cutting are available at www.Facebook.com/EHOVEworks. A full history of the project is available at www.EHOVE.net. More information is also available by calling (419) 499-4663.

EHOVE Career Center is a leading career tech school in Milan Township. This high school and adult education facility draws students from a variety of locales, and serves multiple school districts as well in Erie, Huron and Ottawa Counties. Students are given the opportunity to take challenging academic

classes in a customized and relevant curriculum to prepare them for a specific career or college, and learn skills to advance in the trade of their choice, for now or the future. A wide variety of career paths and training opportunities are available for many professions. More information is available at www.EHOVE.net.