

(l to r) Skip Paul, Joe Baker, Johnny B. Bradberry, Bill Temple, William Jenkins, and Kirt Clement.



## DOTD and LSU Declare Support for TTEC

DOTD Secretary Johnny B. Bradberry and LSU System President and Interim Chancellor William Jenkins attended TTEC's ground-breaking ceremony on September 14, 2004.

"Training and education are the keys that will lead Louisiana to national prominence in transportation. TTEC will make

cutting edge technology available to both DOTD's public and private customers—an essential component for improving the department's efficiency and effectiveness," Bradberry said. "The TTEC facility will also enable DOTD to examine best practices from other transportation agencies around the country. Inviting experts from these benchmark programs to demonstrate their knowledge and procedures will be a vital step toward moving Louisiana's transportation system forward."

Jenkins also commented on TTEC's importance. "We are extremely proud of LSU's partnership with DOTD and the benefit it provides to Louisiana," he said. "One focus of LSU's Flagship Agenda is to cultivate a strong University-community relationship. TTEC will be an important instrument to transfer the latest technology and research findings from academia to transportation professionals in the field."

- The LTRC Foundation, a non-profit corporation created to enhance DOTD's research and technology transfer arm, is raising the remaining funds needed for TTEC's technologically advanced equipment and furnishings. "It is important that our partners in private industry now step forward to fulfill this need by supporting the LTRC Foundation," added Bradberry.

# TTEC

## Transportation Training and Education Center

### Connecting Government, Industry, and Academia



Above: Architect's rendering of TTEC  
 Right: LTRC Foundation, Inc. Board of Directors Industry Representatives (l to r): Craig Duos, CAAL; Robert Yeargain, LAPA; and Ken Naquin, AGC, review construction details at the TTEC construction site.

### How You Can Help: LTRC Foundation, Inc., Donor Levels

Category	Minimum Donation	Donor Recognition
Founder	\$250,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Naming the lecture facility or other room in TTEC</li> <li>• Donor may submit a recommendation for nomination to the LTRC Foundation, Inc., Board of Directors</li> <li>• Name listed on facility donor plaque</li> </ul>
Platinum	\$100,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Naming a room in TTEC</li> <li>• Donor may submit a recommendation for nomination to the LTRC Foundation, Inc., Board of Directors</li> <li>• Name listed on facility donor plaque</li> </ul>
Gold	\$50,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Third choice of naming a room in TTEC</li> <li>• Name listed on category/donor plaque</li> </ul>
Silver	\$25,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Name listed on office plaque (as available)</li> <li>• Name listed on category/donor plaque</li> </ul>
Bronze	\$10,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Name listed on category/donor plaque</li> </ul>

All other donations will be appreciated and recognized.



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## LTRC and TTEC

Construction crews have broken ground on a state-of-the-art transportation training facility on the campus of Louisiana State University (LSU). The Transportation Training and Education Center, or TTEC, is a progressive partnering effort between the public and private sectors of the transportation industry. The center's construction phase is scheduled to be completed in August 2005. TTEC will be operated by the Louisiana Transportation Research Center (LTRC), which is sponsored jointly by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) and LSU.

Since its creation by the legislature in 1986, LTRC has achieved national prominence through its efforts to improve Louisiana's transportation systems. The center con-

## How Will the LTRC Foundation Support TTEC?

### *What is the LTRC Foundation?*

The Foundation was chartered as a non-profit corporation to enhance and support LTRC. A primary purpose of LTRC is to establish cooperation among the groups who work to improve Louisiana's transportation systems. The Foundation represents a unique opportunity for government, industry, and academia to enhance the transportation systems in our state.

### *What are the Foundation's goals?*

It is our core belief that education, training, and technology transfer are the keys that will lead Louisiana to excellence in the transportation field. To this end, the first order of business for the Foundation was to solicit funds for the building of an education and training facility.

**Now that TTEC is under construction, the Foundation is raising the money to furnish the building with state-of-the-art equipment.**

It is our vision that the facility will be the focus for delivery of transportation-related training, management development opportunities, continuing education, and technology transfer activities. These opportunities will be available for engineers, technicians, and other professionals from both the public and private sectors.

### *Who is on the Board of Directors?*

The foundation is governed by a board of directors whose composition reflects the nature of the transportation community (public, private, and academic). Included on the board are:

- Representatives of the seven Louisiana universities with civil engineering programs
- Four LTRC administrative positions
- Three DOTD representatives
- Six industry appointments (three currently filled)

### *Is my contribution tax exempt?*

Yes. The LTRC Foundation was incorporated as a non-profit corporation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Tax exempt status was approved by the IRS on April 10, 1998. Accordingly, donors may deduct contributions to the Foundation as provided in section 170 of the code.

### *How can I make a donation to the LTRC Foundation?*

Contact LTRC: 4101 Gourrier Ave.  
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(225) 767-9131

For more information, visit our website:  
[www.ltrc.lsu.edu](http://www.ltrc.lsu.edu)

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ducts short-term and long-term research and provides a variety of technology and training services to DOTD and others in the transportation community. LTRC's goal is to merge the resources of state government and universities to improve the state's transportation system by identifying, developing, and implementing new technology as well as educating practitioners.

TTEC will greatly enhance LTRC's mission by facilitating the delivery of training, professional development opportunities, and technology transfer to engineers, technicians, undergraduate and graduate students, and professionals from both the public and private domains.

Don L. Arnold, AIA, of Baton Rouge designed the TTEC facility, and Burns Construction of Baton Rouge, Inc., was awarded the contract with a bid of \$2.425 million. Together, DOTD and LSU provided funds for the building's construction.

# What Can TTEC Do for You?

## *What will be included in the LTRC Education and Training Facility?*

The 14,000-square-foot facility will house:

- A lecture facility with a seating capacity of 100
- A hands-on computer-based classroom for approximately 25
- Two general classrooms
- State-of-the art video conferencing equipment designed to receive nationally available broadcasts and to transmit training courses and demonstration projects throughout the state
- A transportation library with automated search and retrieval capabilities

## *Who will benefit from the facility's services?*

Through TTEC, LTRC will expand the scope and availability of training, thereby serving a larger population. The facility will be available to provide education, training, and demonstrations of the latest technologies to state and local governments, consultants, contractors, and other transportation industry personnel.

## *What types of education and training will the facility offer?*

- Engineering continuing education
- Professional development opportunities
- Technical skills training and certification
- Workshops, seminars, and demonstration projects
- Regional outlet for national transportation training (e.g., NHI)
- Management development

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