

## RAPT College Advisory Report

College Name: College of Eastern Utah

Program Name: Western Energy Training Center (WETC)

Person Reporting: Steven Burge, Director 435-613-5503

**Student Information:**

Number Enrolled: See comment below

Number of Interns/Coops: See below

Expected Graduates: Unknown

Number on Scholarships: Grant funds

**Student Organization Activities:**

See [www.ceu.edu](http://www.ceu.edu) for more information on the College of Eastern Utah. It has a full array of college-type activities, events, or sporting activities. The training center will focus a lot of training on existing workers, as well as new workers. The WETC campus is about 15 miles from the main college campus.

**Comments:** (Let us know about your student internships, student scholarships, special programs, etc.)

WETC only recently received a grant to make WETC possible and opened its doors to training in recent weeks. Current training focuses on specific industry needs, such as annual compliance training or other specialized courses. In addition to oil and gas, WETC will be focusing on broad-based, industry driven topics in mining, utilities, transportation, construction, and services in the energy industry. We will have a work readiness program, process technology, and workforce energy apprentice program in operation by early 2007. We utilize instructors from industry to serve as instructors (including bringing in experts when necessary). Our goal is to teach any course needed in the energy industry.

**High School PTech Programs:**

Number of Students: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of High Schools: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

We are working with Utah's K-12 educators to create a tech-prep course that will focus on energy and safety. It will be vital to recruit new workers to the energy industry so recruitment in high schools for high paying jobs will be a key aspect of our work in the coming months.

**New Equipment:**

(Special units, plants, etc. (if donated, by whom))

We just purchased three relatively new buildings sitting on 270 acres. We are currently working with industry to acquire new equipment. We expect to acquire/purchase substantial equipment to make our training hands on and current. Under the federal grant we still have several hundred thousand dollars to spend on equipment.

**Advisory Committee Meetings:**

Recent Past Date: \_\_\_\_\_

New Scheduled Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Hot Topics:**

WETC is governed by an industry driven board made up of eight individuals from industry and

6 from the college or governmental entities. The board has donated almost \$100,000 worth of time to the project and is committed to making the center responsive and up to date.

**New Best Practice:**

**Upcoming Events:**

**List of Industries Partners:**

Rocky Mountain Energy	Southeastern Utah Energy Producers Assoc.
Bill Barrett Corporation	(see <a href="http://www.seu-epa.com">www.seu-epa.com</a> for more information)
Arch Coal	
Savage Brothers' Trucking	
Pierce Oil	
Price Mining Service	
Hidden Splendor	

**List of High Schools:**


**Advisory Group Concerns / Comments:**

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**Topics For The Next RAPT Meeting:**

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