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Agenda Item 3.1 Marion Technical College, Associate of Applied
Science degree in Telecommunications (Telephony)
Technology

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED: upon recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Initiatives Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents that the following new degree program is approved:

Marion Technical College
Associate of Applied Science degree in Telecommunications
(Telephony) Technology

BACKGROUND

Marion Technical College

Associate of Applied Science degree in Telecommunications (Telephony) Technology

Verizon Corporation has entered into its first corporate-college partnership program with Marion Technical College resulting in the development of an associate degree program for telecommunications technicians. The Telecommunications (Telephony) Program was designed to meet the present and projected critical shortage and need for technicians and network equipment installers. Presently Verizon is 'importing' experienced technicians from other states to meet central Ohio's demand for qualified trained technicians.

Students enrolled in the Telecommunications (Telephony) Program will be educated and trained to work in three essential industry categories: 1) "outside plant" work that includes learning how to set poles, bury cable, splice cable, able to bring lines into homes and businesses; 2) "inside plant" work that includes installing and maintaining switching technology and equipment that route calls; and, 3) "interconnect" work such as installing business phone systems and cable for buildings and data networks.

Upon completion of the two-year degree program, graduates will be eligible for employment with Verizon and other companies with starting salaries up to \$22.00/hour and full employee benefits. The program will provide career mobility for employees interested in moving from a field technician into management.

Graduates of the program will find career opportunities as communications equipment mechanics, telephone and cable TV installation and repair technicians, electronics repair technicians, equipment installers and repairers and many others.

