



## SOUTHLAND CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION CENTER



## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Leaders of several public high school districts and postsecondary institutions in southern Cook County, Illinois, have entered into a Collective to expand the instructional options for their students. They are proposing a Southland Career & Technical Education Center (SCTEC) to provide Career & Technical Education (CTE) instructional programs in several advanced-technology occupations. Until recently, no career center project had been proposed in Illinois in 45 years, and there has been no regional CTE center in the south suburbs in 32 years.

The Collective currently comprises:



**Bloom Township High School  
District 206**  
Dr. Lenell Navarre, Superintendent



**Rich Township High School  
District 227**  
Dr. Johnnie Thomas, Superintendent



**Homewood-Flossmoor High School  
District 233**  
Dr. Scott Wakeley, Superintendent



**Southland College Prep  
Charter High School  
Matteson School District 162**  
Dr. Blondean Davis, Superintendent



**Prairie State College  
District 515**  
Michael D. Anthony, PhD, President



**Speed S.E.J.A.  
District 802**  
Dr. Tina Halliman, Superintendent

**THESE SCHOOLS HAVE A COMBINED TARGET POPULATION  
OF MORE THAN 10,000 STUDENTS IN 10TH - 12TH GRADE**



Instructional programs under consideration based on projected Labor Market Information (LMI) of high demand for these technology-intensive occupational areas include:

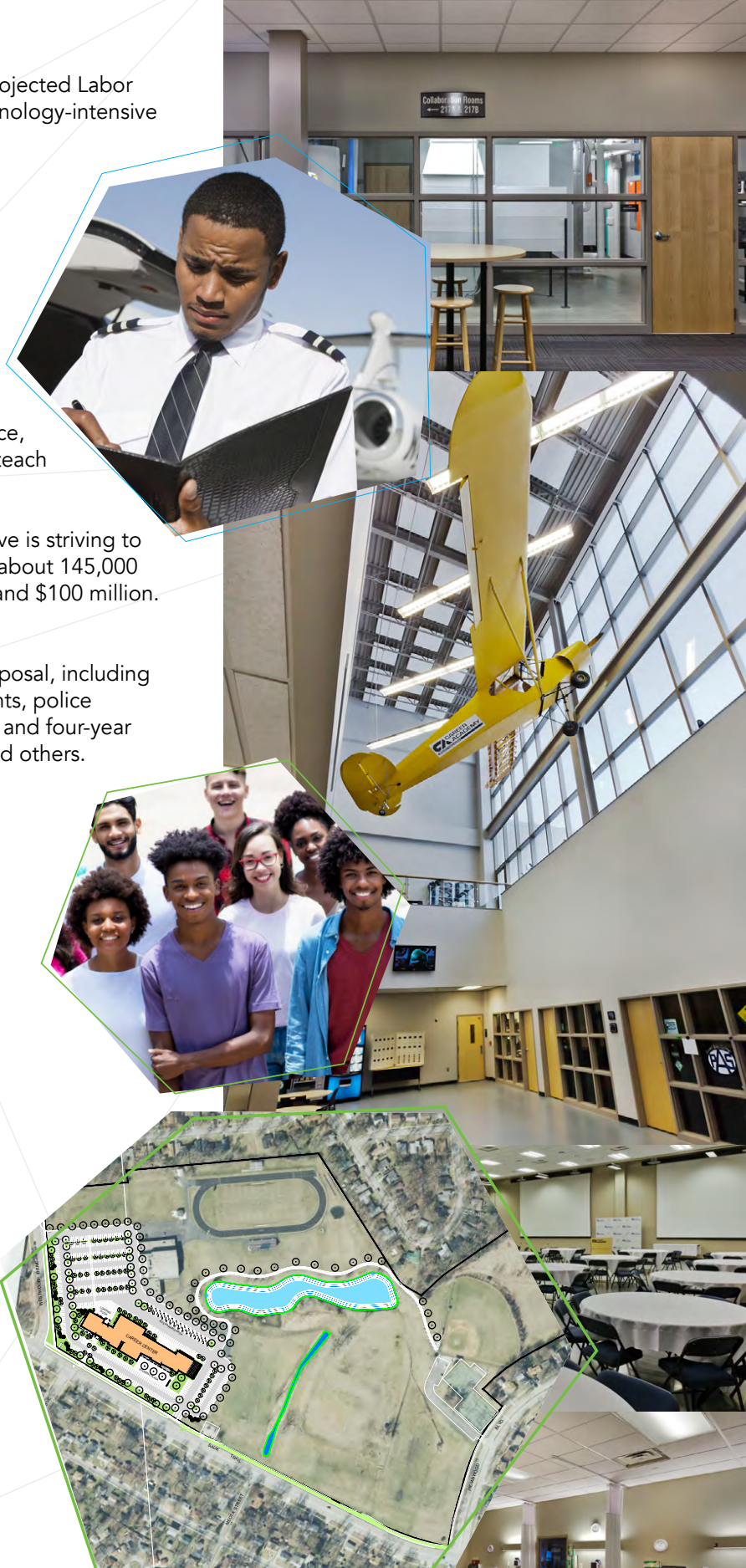
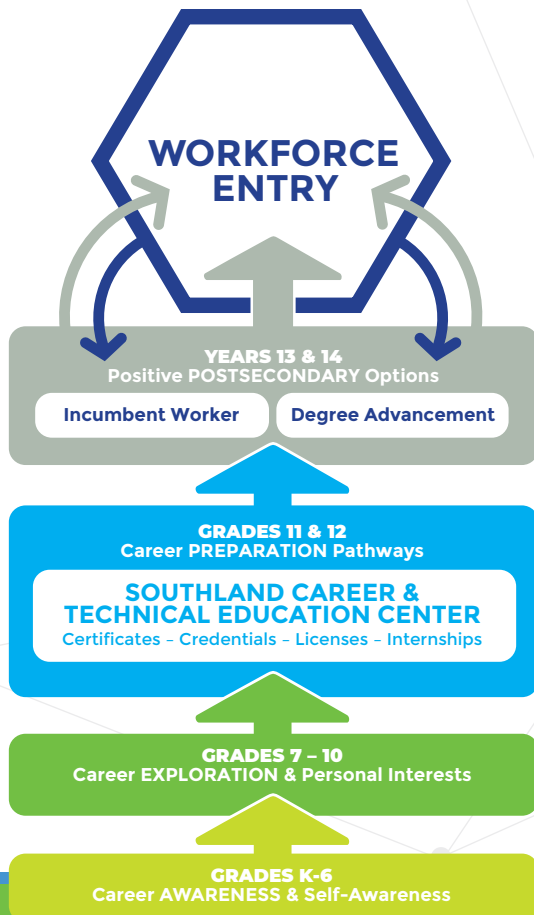
- Aviation
- Construction Trades
- Information Technology
- Logistics & Supply Chain Management
- Manufacturing Trades
- Public Safety
- Urban Agriculture

Instructors will be recruited via a worldwide search for those with the technical skills, pedagogical experience, and personality to lead a successful program. They will teach the hard- and the soft-technical skills.

Based on the findings of a feasibility study, This Collective is striving to build a training facility in the Village of Park Forest with about 145,000 square feet at a estimated cost of between \$92 million and \$100 million. A 50 plus acre tract of land already has been secured.

Numerous letters of support are attached to the full proposal, including those from legislators, municipal mayors, fire departments, police departments, private and public sector employers, two- and four-year educational institutions such as Prairie State College, and others.

#### CAREER DEVELOPMENT FLOW CHART



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