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Rhodes State College's Concrete Technology Program Receives Gift of Industry Specific Software

Lima, OHIO -- The Concrete Technology Program at Rhodes State College received an in-kind gift from GivenHansco Inc. that allows students to train on the Keystone Integrated Advantage. This state-of-the-art system is the first of its kind to integrate concrete batch controls, dispatch, and business accounting functions on one platform. The gift valued at \$82,000 was presented to the College today by GivenHansco, Inc. officials.

“For more than thirty years, GivenHansco has been building solid relationships with clients in the concrete, aggregate, and asphalt industries,” said Mike Sanders, President of GivenHansco. “We are truly honored to build a new relationship with Rhodes State College and its students by exposing them to our Keystone system which they will likely encounter in their future careers.”

“Rhodes State continues to benefit from our enhanced partnerships with business and industry. The gift from GivenHansco provides the type of learning tools for students that will make a difference in their preparation of practical applications,” said Dr. Debra McCurdy, President, Rhodes State College.

Mike Parker, Vice President of Sales for GivenHansco, gave College officials and students a brief presentation and explanation on the Keystone software and hardware. The company, based in Columbus, Ohio, provides automation and software solutions for ready mix concrete, aggregate, and asphalt companies of every size from single plant to multi-site, multi-state operations.

The Concrete Technology program at Rhodes State began in the Fall of 1995 as the Asphalt and Concrete Technology Associate Degree program. Within two years, and with the significant support of the concrete industry, the program was exclusively dedicated to concrete

technology. This invaluable support was a direct result of the involvement of Ohio Concrete as it recognized the importance of the corporate partnership.

Antoinette Baldin, Interim Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean of Rhodes State's Division of Information Technology and Engineering Technology, said, "These types of partnerships are important to our institution as we focus on innovative teaching to meet business and industry's training needs. This gift, in particular, will allow us to provide a 'virtual batch plant' for Concrete Technology students and give them the hands-on training used in many ready-mix facilities."

Students who graduate from the program are prepared to sit for and successfully pass the American Concrete Institute's (ACI) Certification tests for Concrete Field Testing Technician - Grade I, Concrete Laboratory Testing Technicians - Grades I and II.

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