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AEP OHIO DONATES DERRICK DIGGER TRUCK TO BUCKEYE CAREER CENTER

New Philadelphia, OH (February 22, 2019) – American Electric Power has once again shown its support for Buckeye Career Center and the school’s students. AEP Ohio has donated a 2006 International Derrick Digger truck to BCC to benefit the Adult Education Utility Lineworker program and future high school Utility Lineworker program. AEP Ohio officials presented the truck to BCC Thursday, February 21, 2019.

The vehicle is used to bore holes and set utility poles. In addition, the derrick portion is capable of holding a pole and crane to move materials. The vehicle will allow students to train on equipment they will use in the workforce. “We do everything from setting the pole, to pole rescue, and everything there is related to utility linework. This will certainly be a tool we will be able to utilize,” said Adult Education Director Frank Polen. The truck is estimated to cost at least \$100,000 brand new but this used unit is valued between \$6,000-\$10,000.

“The partnership with AEP has been in place for a long time,” said BCC Superintendent Bob Alsept. “It’s helped us prepare good employees for them and it’s good for our students to be able to gain skills and move into not just a job but a career. Anytime we can have a partnership between business and education, that’s a great partnership, and that’s what we’re here for,” said Alsept. Dave Wheeler, AEP Ohio community & customer experience manager, had similar sentiments. “It’s really a symbiotic relationship. We provide these kinds of donations, but at the end of the day we get great quality employees who come out of this program,” said Wheeler.

In addition to AEP Ohio and BCC administrators, the Utility Lineworker students, AEP Ohio employees who are also BCC alumni, and local dignitaries attended the recent truck presentation at Buckeye Career Center.

For more information about the BCC Utility Lineworker program, please visit www.BuckeyeCareerCenter.org.

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