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## DOMINION GRANT FUNDS DIGITAL TRAINER FOR AREA WELDING PROGRAMS

**Moorefield – Nov. 10, 2014** — A \$25-thousand Higher Education Partnership grant from the Dominion Foundation enabled Eastern WV Community and Technical College to purchase a digital welding simulator for a partnership training program with two area schools. A matching \$25-thousand grant from the Community and Technical College System of West Virginia funded the purchase of a second trainer.

Eastern installed the equipment at the Mineral County Technical Center and the South Branch Career and Technical Center, respectively. High school students in welding programs there will use the digital trainers to learn and improve welding skills. In return, those schools will loan their training facilities to Eastern for the college's Workforce Education adult learners evening welding program (<http://easternwv.edu/Workforce/Continuing-Education.aspx#welding>).



**Robert Orndorff, Dominion Resources' manager for government relations, second from right, presents a \$25-thousand grant check to Eastern president Charles 'Chuck' Terrell (center). From left: Grover Duling Eastern's Workforce Education consultant, Ward Malcolm, Dean for Career and technical Studies, Terrell, Orndorff, and /Rich Ford, Director F & H Station III, Mt. Storm (NedPower Wind Farm).**

The digital trainer will also allow experienced welders to diversify and amplify their welding skills. So local industries and businesses that employ welders can contract with Eastern to provide new and/or recertification training to their workers in both basic and specialty welding.

For more information about Eastern's financial aid opportunities, programs of study, workforce training and community education and events, call toll free: 877-982-2322; or check the College's website: "[www.easternwv.edu](http://www.easternwv.edu)".

Serving the residents of Grant, Hampshire, Hardy, Mineral, Pendleton and Tucker counties, and fully accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College is a comprehensive and equal opportunity community and technical college bringing the resources and assets of Education That Works to the families, communities and employers of the Potomac Highlands.