

PROJECT BRIEF



Project Name: NWKTC Price Convention Center

Grant Program: Legislative

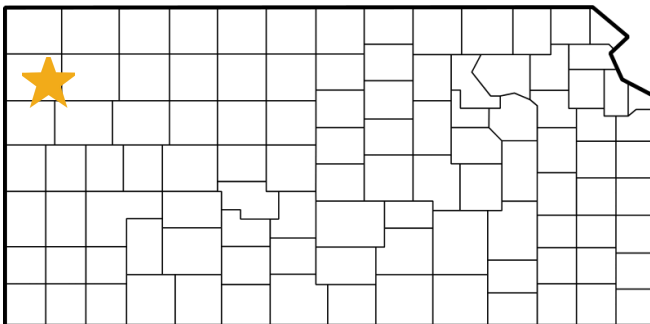
Project Date: July 2022 - April 2025

Project Summary

Northwest Kansas Technical College (NWKTC) utilized grant funds to renovate and equip a conference center to better support its cloud and computing programs. The upgraded facility expands the college's capacity to host conferences and deliver specialized training in cybersecurity and cryptosecurity. This investment directly supports regional workforce development by increasing the number of trained professionals, enhancing employment opportunities, and fostering continued professional advancement in high-demand technology fields.

Location

Goodland, Kansas



Grantee Information

Northwest Kansas Technical College (NWKTC) in Goodland, KS offers 16 degree and its graduation rate ranks among the top 2% of publicly funded technical and community colleges in the country.

Goals and Objectives

Goal: Enhance accessibility to cybersecurity and cryptosecurity professional development courses provided at NWKTC.

Objective: Renovate the existing conference space to facilitate professional development training.

Objective 2: Equip classrooms to effectively support cybersecurity and cryptosecurity learning.

Budget Overview

- Award amount: \$600,104.00
- Match amount: \$600,104.00
- Total project budget: \$1,200,208.00

Expense categories:

- Construction: \$1,200,208.00

Target Population

The target population for this project is students and professionals within the cybersecurity and cryptosecurity field, as well as industry employers in the region.

Sustainability

Tuition, public research funding, and conference registration fees will support maintenance and operations of the grant-funded facility.

Activities and Timeline

Q2 2022: New facility purchased

Q3 2022: Architectural design of new facility complete

Q1 2023: Procurement for construction vendor

Q2 2023 - 2024 Q1: Construction

Q1 2024: Ribbon cutting ceremony

Outcomes

This state-of-the-art 20,000 square-foot multi-purpose event venue will enable NWKTC to attract and host conferences and professional development trainings that incentivize industry development in the region. Recently, the Price Convention Center hosted the "Hands-On Learning: Strategies for Non-Traditional Career Camps", held February 19–20, 2025, designed to help educators build inclusive technical camps and reach underrepresented students.

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