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Baton Rouge's ITI Technical College

receives endorsement of program

ITI Technical College of Baton Rouge, LA, has become the 16th endorsed college of the Gulf Coast Process Technology Alliance (GCPTA).

Dorothy Ortego of McNeese State University in Lake Charles, LA, made the announcement at the quarterly meeting of the GCPTA Friday, August 1, in League City, TX

Ms. Ortego is the education co-chair of the Standards and Quality Committee of the organization along with Ed Stiles of LyondellBassell's Houston Refinery, who is the co-chair representing industry. The committee sets the criteria for colleges to meet for endorsement and certifies colleges for this recognition. The recognized status is for three years. Colleges can be re-endorsed through an audit process.

Louis Babin and Jack Baggett, both of ITI Technical College, were present to receive a plaque that recognizes the college's achievement. ITI is the first private college to receive this endorsement.

GCPTA is a partnership of process industries and educational providers in Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi who promote the two-year process technology (PTEC) degree at universities and community and technical colleges.

Endorsed colleges have to prove their programs teach the standardized PTEC curriculum, they are required to have an advisory committee of industry members which meets four times a year to conduct business, and they undergo an audit of their programs every three years.

The benefit is that industry considers the endorsement important when hiring qualified process technicians.

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Dorothy Ortego of McNeese State University in Lake Charles, co-chair of the Standards and Quality Committee of Gulf Coast Process Technology, presents a plaque to Jack Baggett (center) and Louis Babin, both of ITI Technical College in Baton Rouge, LA. The plaque affirms the endorsement of ITI by the GCPTA as an endorsed college, signifying to employers of the college's graduates that they have received training from an industry-generated, standardized curriculum that is offered in colleges and universities in Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi.