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American Micro Tech First Company to Join BridgeValley's GRID

(South Charleston, WV) - BridgeValley Community and Technical College has announced American Micro Tech as the first company to operate out of the college's GRID (Generate, Restore, Innovate, Design).

The partnership began after American Micro Tech developed a relationship with BridgeValley's professor, Norm Mortenson, while it was searching for a professor to help validate its energy technology research and finding that most of the tech professor community didn't believe American Micro Tech's findings were possible.

"We developed a partnership with him because of his unique real-world experience that BridgeValley professors are associated with having," said American Micro Tech's Brian Reid. Reid said that in collaboration with Mortenson, American Micro Tech has developed a propulsion system using off-the-shelf components that can harnesses energy. By adding a supercapacitor to allow the maximum amount of power combustion engines can produce, American Micro Tech was able to deliver high fuel economy and instant power output. While working from the GRID, American Micro Tech hopes to continuing pushing the envelope of what's possible and sharing that knowledge with students and the community.

"Our continued goal for working with the GRID is to make new prototypes for customers, and to teach this kind of technology to members of different industries and also interested hobbyists," Reid said.

Although American Micro Tech is the first company to join the GRID, the college hopes to continue adding local companies and organizations to its GRID makerspace to help transform ideas into art, new business ventures and inventions.

Companies interested in learning more can contact Laura McCullough, BridgeValley's Vice President of Community Education at laura.mccullough@bridgevalley.edu or (304) 205-6611

About BridgeValley Community and Technical College

BridgeValley Community and Technical College promotes student success, prepares a skilled workforce, and builds tomorrow's leaders by providing access to quality higher education. BridgeValley Community and Technical College will be the college of opportunity for a diverse learner population, offering leading-edge technology, innovative ideas, and dynamic service to our students and our communities. BridgeValley Community and Technical College serves a six-county region including Fayette, Raleigh, Nicholas, Clay, Putnam and Kanawha counties. The college operates two campuses in Montgomery and South Charleston, along with the addition of the new Advanced Technology Center. BridgeValley Community and Technical College is a public institution of higher education independently accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Schools and Colleges and a member of the Community and Technical College System of West Virginia.

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