

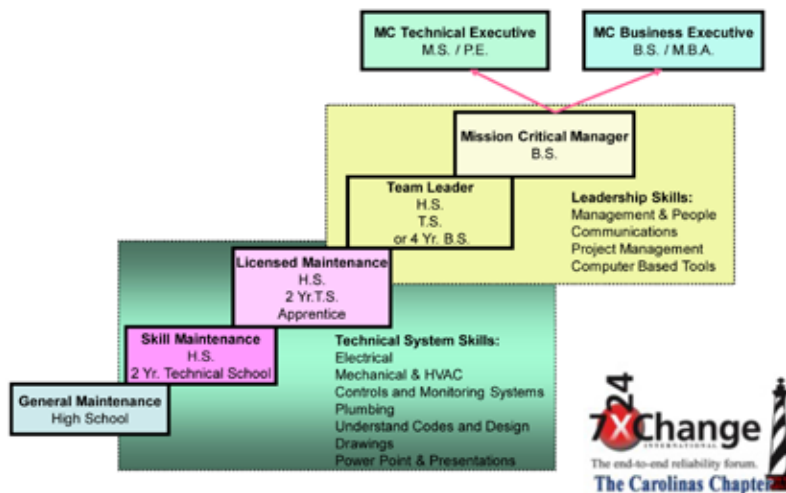
Chapter Helps Net \$23 Million Grant for Mission Critical Operations Education

In the fall 2013 issue of End to End we reported on the Carolinas 7x24 chapter push to help regional community colleges establish a mission critical training program (read more here). After donating \$15,000 to defer the cost of grant writing, the schools received a \$23 million grant from the U.S. Department of Labor. Now the programs are beginning to take shape.

Moultrie Technical College in Moultrie, Ga., and North Carolina’s Cleveland Community College (CCC), Nash Community College, Wake Technical Community College, and UNC Charlotte will use the money to “develop a career training pathway to address the demand for a mission critical workforce able to anticipate, prevent, mitigate, and respond to mission critical breaks,” according to a CCC press release.

CCC will take the lead in rolling out the programs, and until they are in place, prospective students are being funneled into related areas of study. In addition to monitoring the roll out of the North Carolina program, the Carolinas chapter plans to replicate the effort in South Carolina, with Google Facility Manager Bill League taking point. The chapter will also reach out to industry partners to secure equipment donations and internship opportunities.

Mission Critical Career Ladder



The Mission Critical Operations project develops a career pathway to address demand for a mission critical workforce able to anticipate, prevent, mitigate and respond to mission critical breaches. Cybersecurity, infrastructure maintenance, communications and emergency operations are all key focus points of the project. The project includes plans for articulated credit options bridging the gap between prior learning, noncredit courses, curriculum and university programs.