

# Industry partners Endress+Hauser and Rockwell Automation make major investment in BridgeValley Process Training Unit

## **PTU® is fully equipped through joint efforts of Endress+Hauser, Rockwell Automation and BridgeValley Community and Technical College**

October 15, 2015—BridgeValley Community and Technical College celebrates the opening of a cutting-edge PTU® (Process Training Unit) made possible by the generous contributions of Endress+Hauser, BridgeValley and Rockwell Automation. Thanks to industry partners, BridgeValley will be the new home to a \$1 million, 1,800 square-foot, state-of-the-art PTU®.

“By working alongside BridgeValley and other universities, Endress+Hauser can help secure the talent pipeline and better prepare our next-generation workforce for successful careers in the field of process control and automation,” said Brandyn Ferguson, Vice President of Human Resources, Endress+Hauser. “The innovative approach we have taken at BridgeValley is truly unique to the industry.”

The BridgeValley PTU® will serve as a go-to place for companies who are seeking workforce training for their employees and customers, and for students to utilize as they pursue their degree programs. The PTU® combines theory and a hands-on approach to provide participants with real-world experience in a safe, working process environment.

The PTU® is outfitted to help students and customers gain hands-on experience with the types of operation, diagnostics and troubleshooting found in real-life process plants. It features the latest Endress+Hauser flow, level, temperature, pressure and analytical instrumentation, two 350 gallon tanks, in addition to the PlantPAX process control system donated by Rockwell Automation. The PlantPAX process automation system will be used in a functioning environment with field devices to train customers for operation and maintenance of process systems. In addition, it provides a venue for demonstrations of Endress+Hauser and Rockwell Automation technology and a regional resource for customers to obtain hands-on training in a controlled environment.

“A key aspect of our role in the community is to partner with industry leaders to provide technical education necessary to keep our companies competitive and jobs in West Virginia,” said Dr. Jo Harris, BridgeValley President. “Our collaboration with Endress+Hauser and Rockwell Automation allows students and local companies to receive real-world experience in a controlled learning environment.”

The partnership between BridgeValley, manufacturers Endress+Hauser and Rockwell Automation, and the sales and service company Forberg Scientific Inc. will benefit the community and industry in West Virginia by not only offering learning opportunities for college students, but also industrial training for workers from many large companies in the area wanting to modernize their processing plants, and take advantage of new technology to develop more efficient operations.

The BridgeValley PTU® is one of ten across the U.S. built to help keep up with the heightened demand for workforce training. Recognizing this trend, Endress+Hauser has made investments to become the clear leader and number one instrumentation training provider in the industry.

For more information on the BridgeValley PTU®, please visit:

[www.us.endress.com/BridgeValley](http://www.us.endress.com/BridgeValley)

For more information on BridgeValley's PTU Training, please visit:

<http://www.bridgevalley.edu/ptu-training-application>

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#### **About Endress+Hauser**

Endress+Hauser is a global leader in measurement instrumentation, services and solutions for industrial process engineering. The Group employs 12,000 personnel across the globe, generating net sales of approximately \$2.2 billion in 2014. Endress+Hauser supplies sensors, devices, systems and services for level, flow, pressure and temperature measurement as well as liquid analysis and measured value recording. The company supports its customers with automation, logistical and IT services and solutions.

#### **About Rockwell Automation**

Rockwell Automation, Inc. (NYSE: ROK), the world's largest company dedicated to industrial automation and information, makes its customers more productive and the world more sustainable. Headquartered in Milwaukee, Wis., Rockwell Automation employs about 21,000 people serving customers in more than 80 countries.

#### **About BridgeValley Community and Technical College**

BridgeValley Community and Technical College was founded on March 20, 2014 and 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.

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